Chairman Mickey Cafagna (North County Inland) called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. to hear information items first, since a quorum was not yet present. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

4. SERVICE BUREAU FY 2006 ANNUAL REPORT (INFORMATION)

Karen Lamphere, Principal Research Analyst, recapped the initial year of Service Bureau activities, the financial performance and status, and plans for FY 2007. The Service Bureau is a fee-based operation designed to facilitate informed decision making and an enhanced Regional Information System. In 2005, the Executive Committee established a 17 percent Regional Information System Maintenance and Enhancement Fee above costs for Service Bureau projects. We had a successful first year with more than $600,000 generated in revenues, which surpassed our revenue target by 29 percent. Total project revenues exceeded project costs by about 23 percent. After taking into account nonproject costs related to management and marketing, revenues exceeded all Service Bureau costs by 7 percent. Retained earnings at year end were $288,300.

First Vice Chair Mary Sessom (East County) arrived at 9:08 a.m.; a quorum was now present.

Ms. Lamphere reviewed the types of services, the number of projects, and committed revenues. Services provided concentrated in the areas of transportation modeling; custom maps and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analysis; demographic, economic, and land use analysis; and surveys.

Ms. Lamphere reviewed the behind-the-scenes efforts to make this program work, including integrated staff resources, expedited administrative processes, and new tools to monitor individual projects and overall status. She said the new Service Bureau has its own identity with a new logo. We also have developed the first marketing piece—a glossy postcard to notify clients of the new Service Bureau. There is a new Service Bureau section on the SANDAG Web site. To build on the financial success of the first year, we have included funds in the FY 2007 budget for a marketing plan to attract more clients.

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, commended Ms. Lamphere and Dr. Tayman for their efforts on the Service Bureau start up. He said that we are able to bring on employees when needed and have dedicated staff to work on this program. Staff has done a great job during this first year.
Ms. Lamphere introduced Cheryl Mason, a new employee who will be helping to manage the Service Bureau.

**Action:** This item was presented for information only.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   Upon a motion by Mayor Christy Guerin (North County Coastal) and a second by First Vice Chair Sessom, the minutes of the July 14, 2006, Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS**

   There were no public comments, communications, or member comments at this time.

**REPORTS (3 through 6)**

Mr. Gallegos asked that Item No. 6 be taken out of order to accommodate the schedule of Councilmember Jim Madaffer (City of San Diego).

6. **SANDAG COMMENTS ON AIRPORT MASTER PLAN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (APPROVE)**

   Miriam Kirshner, Senior Planner, reported that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the proposed Airport Master Plan was released for public comment in May by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA). The Airport Master Plan proposes a number of improvements to the existing San Diego International Airport to meet anticipated passenger growth through 2015. These proposed improvements include 10 new jet gates to the west side of Terminal 2 and 2,000 to 4,000 new parking spaces in front of Terminal 2.

   The Draft EIR contains a number of conclusions including: the same air passenger volumes with or without Master Plan improvements; impacts are projected to 2015; there are few impacts to the regional transportation system; and therefore, few mitigation measures are included. Ms. Kirshner related SANDAG staff’s concerns about these EIR conclusions. Staff feels that the traffic impacts are understated, transportation improvements are needed to mitigate impacts, and the SDCRAA should make off-site transportation access improvements.

   Chair Cafagna asked what happens after 2015. Ms. Kirshner replied that SDCRAA expects that the airport will either be relocated or additional improvements will be needed to meet higher passenger numbers.

   Chair Cafagna expressed concern about the EIR not extending past a horizon year of 2015. Ms. Kirshner agreed that was staff’s concern as well.

   Ms. Kirshner reviewed staff’s recommendation to submit a comment letter to the SDCRAA requesting that the EIR traffic analysis be revised to assess the impacts and conditions through the year 2020 or 2030; to establish a transit mode share goal to maximize mobility and provide travel choices; to identify transportation mitigation measures and implement them incrementally with Airport Master Plan improvements; and that the SDCRAA should commit to fund its fair share of transportation system improvements. She noted that staff has been engaged in discussions with SDCRAA staff, and it has expressed an eagerness to develop a more aggressive transit mode share goal and work with SANDAG to address our comments.
Councilmember Madaffer asked about the comment period deadline. Ms. Kirshner responded that the comment period on the Draft EIR ends on September 18, 2006.

Councilmember Madaffer asked if this was enough time for SANDAG to respond and, if not, has a time extension been requested. Ms. Kirshner replied that staff has discussed this request for an extension with SDCRAA staff. An extension would enable us more time to provide detailed responses and to work with Authority staff to resolve our concerns. SDCRAA is still considering whether to extend the comment period for the EIR, but since the deadline for comments is on September 18, it is important that SANDAG submit a letter to meet the current deadline.

Ted Anasis, Authority Manager of Airport Planning, said that they have convened a joint transit and roadway committee that has worked over the past two years to ensure that we can implement transit improvements that can increase the mode share of airport passengers and look at appropriate funding mechanisms to support this. The Draft EIR was released for a four-month review period. We have been meeting with SANDAG staff and have heard the comments included in the draft letter. He stated that he would have to defer to the SDCRAA Board for a decision on an extension to the EIR public comment period.

Councilmember Madaffer expressed his frustration about the conclusions in this EIR. For the last 30 years, this region has put off making improvements to Lindbergh Field. The airport continues to be governed with the idea of obsolescence in mind. He was heartened to see Senator Christine Kehoe’s comments in the Voice of San Diego about the Airport Authority. SDCRAA should have a special Board meeting to consider SANDAG’s request for a comment period time extension. He stated that he strongly encouraged SDCRAA to extend the comment period in order to allow the public and sister agencies sufficient time to provide comments on its EIR.

First Vice Chair Sessom indicated that a special meeting of the SDCRAA Board of Directors has been set for Monday, September 11, 2006, and it’s possible that this item could be posted today as part of that meeting agenda.

Councilmember Madaffer said that this item should already have been agendized for that special Authority Board meeting.

Chair Cafagna asked if one of our comments is to request an extension to the Draft EIR comment period. Ms. Kirshner responded affirmatively.

Chair Cafagna suggested that we approve the recommended action and ask for SDCRAA to agendize this item for its meeting on September 11, 2006.

Chair Cafagna noted that there was one request to speak on this item.

Clive Richard, a member of the public, said that most of the questions he would have raised have been discussed. He was interested in why the study period stopped at 2015 rather than at 2030 as most of the other regional plans concerning transportation extend to 2030.

Angela Shafer Payne, SDCRAA Vice President of Strategic Planning, responded that the Airport Master Plan will be phased. The initial Airport Master Plan was developed with a 2030 planning horizon, but with the uncertainty of the advisory ballot issue on a new airport at Miramar, SDCRAA decided to evaluate only the first phase of Airport Master Plan improvements to 2015.
Chair Cafagna said he understood the concept of phasing the implementation of improvements but didn’t understand why SDCRAA did not ensure that the planning covered the entire time period to 2030 and addressed the impacts of the full Master Plan improvements in the EIR.

Mr. Gallegos said that the improvements to the airport will place a strain on the regional transportation system, and the Airport Authority should contribute toward its fair share of the regional transportation system costs.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Guerin, and a second by Mayor Jerry Sanders (City of San Diego), the Executive Committee authorized SANDAG staff to submit a letter on the Airport Master Plan Draft EIR addressing the issues and concerns outlined in the agenda report, and request a minimum 30-day extension of the Draft EIR public comment period.

3. ENERGY WORKING GROUP COMMENTS ON SDG&E LONG-TERM PROCUREMENT PLAN (APPROVE)

Councilmember Henry Abarbanel, Co-Chair of the Energy Working Group (EWG), reported that the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Company and major utilities are required by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to submit a Long-Term Procurement Plan. It is a rolling two-year look for the next 10 years on how SDG&E will provide energy for its service area. Over the last two years we have worked closely with SDG&E to understand the issues of procurement, energy distribution, and energy costing. We have reviewed this extensively with SDG&E staff, and there is a letter addressed to SDG&E included in the agenda packet describing five major points: (1) focus on California’s preferred loading order; (2) evaluate the cost and benefits of technologies; (3) support renewable energy technologies; (4) support distributed generation technologies; and (5) support in-region generation.

He suggested the following changes to the draft letter: (1) request that SDG&E include global warming in the evaluation of technology cost and benefits; (2) support the continuation of the Self Generation Incentive Program, which is scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2006; and (3) provide a copy of the letter to Senator Kehoe, who has been very attentive to energy issues and helpful to SANDAG and the EWG.

Councilmember Madaffer agreed with the idea of distributed generation. One thing he also supports including in the letter is the need to look at distribution by transmission lines. We currently have two plants that provide energy into our county: Encina and South Bay. Eventually those plants will be turned off completely. Without the plant in Escondido we would be in trouble. He said that the EWG did not mention in the letter the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line project. He wondered why that project wouldn’t be addressed in our letter.

Councilmember Abarbanel replied that the reason we didn’t include discussion of the Sunrise Powerlink in our letter is because SDG&E will be holding very specific, focused public hearings on the project. In light of that, we have agreed to provide to the SANDAG Board of Directors our advice on that project in November or December. The proposal for the Sunrise Powerlink was resubmitted to the CPUC on August 4, 2006. There is no question that a third transmission line would provide additional energy reliability. Renewable resources located primarily out of the region also are very important.
Councilmember Madaffer agreed that we have energy deficiencies in the region. Councilmember Abarbanel said he agreed that we have energy needs, and that the concern is how you address those issues. He assured Councilmember Madaffer that the EWG is not ignoring the Sunrise Powerlink project.

Mr. Gallegos stated that the EWG will work on this issue and bring back a report to the SANDAG Board later this year.

Councilmember Abarbanel said that he was impressed with the City of San Diego’s deal with Southern California Edison and thanked Mayor Sanders for taking the lead in distributed generation.

Vice Mayor Ron Morrison (South County) said that we are dealing with generalities in this report and not specific projects. He asked if there is a need for transmission lines. Councilmember Abarbanel replied affirmatively and added that we need to have a brief paragraph recognizing the need for additional transmission lines and provide information about potential new energy resources for the region.

Mayor Guerin commented that a lot of cities have been approached to endorse the Sunrise Powerlink project. SANDAG Board members have been waiting for the EWG report to address this issue. The Powerlink is becoming a heated discussion. She would appreciate hearing a more specific statement of timing on the Powerlink report from the EWG.

Mr. Gallegos said that the schedule of November was predicated on getting sufficient information from SDG&E.

Councilmember Abarbanel said he understood the urgency from others for this report on the Powerlink project.

Mayor Guerin said that she is thrilled the EWG is working on this and encouraged them to complete the report as soon as possible.

J.C. Thomas, SDG&E Governmental Affairs Manager, stated that first they need to file their Long-Term Procurement Plan (LTPP). Separate from that is the implementation of individual projects. We have been working with the EWG on the update of the LTPP. Prior versions of our plans called for new transmission lines into the region by 2010. Our current plan update recognizes transmission as an integral part of achieving our renewables goal, which is one of the most aggressive goals in the state. Our LTPP recognizes a variety of ways to address the region’s energy needs. Senate Bill (SB) 1 would encourage and help fund photovoltaics on residential units. We need more local power plants in the San Diego region. We feel the Sunrise Powerlink project will provide an additional source of energy. The environmental review for the Sunrise Powerlink could go for another year to a year and a half. We will work with the EWG so that it can provide a report to the SANDAG Board by the end of the calendar year.

Mr. Thomas stated that the CPUC has not yet set the schedule for the LTPP, but feels it will come up within the next 30 days. SDG&E is ready to file its plan but it may take a couple of months to get a decision from the CPUC.

Mr. Thomas noted that our region is growing at a rate of one megawatt every three days, and one megawatt serves approximately 750 homes. SDG&E is seeing more demand for energy as businesses and homes add more electronic equipment.
Vice Mayor Morrison moved to approve the transmittal of the letter to SDG&E with the amendments as discussed by the Committee.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Morrison, and a second by First Vice Chair Sessom, the Executive Committee voted to approve the transmittal of the letter commenting on SDG&E’s Long-Term Procurement Plan with the changes discussed by the Committee, and requesting that the EWG complete its report on the Sunrise Powerlink in time to present it to the SANDAG Board meeting in November.

5. LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT (INFORMATION)

Kim Kawada, Executive Program Manager, distributed an update on the status of state bills that passed the Legislature by the August 31 deadline. She said there is good news to report in terms of our SANDAG-sponsored bills. In August, the Governor signed our governance bill, SB 1296 (Kehoe) into law, adding a second County representative to the SANDAG Board and making other corrections to ensure that the San Diego Mayor can continue to serve on SANDAG under the City’s strong mayor form of government. Our border infrastructure funding bill, SB 1282 (Ducheny), also passed the Legislature. SB 1282 ensures that the discretionary Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) program funds in Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) are made available only to infrastructure projects within 100 miles of our border with Mexico, and are not allocated through the state’s normal State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding process and north/south split. This discretionary federal funding is important to our border projects such as State Routes (SR) 905 and 11.

Ms. Kawada stated that the Legislature also passed a number of key bills that we have been involved in. SB 463 (Ducheny) provides the authority to extend the franchise period for the SR 125 Toll Road (South Bay Expressway) up to another 10 years (to a 45-year maximum), and gives SANDAG the authority to continue to collect tolls on SR 125 after the end of the franchise period, via a two-thirds vote of the Board and with a stipulation that excess toll revenues are used for projects that improve SR 125 corridor operations. This bill has gone to the Governor for signature. A transit design-build bill, AB 372 (Nation), also is awaiting the Governor’s signature. We were able to work with this bill’s author to enable SANDAG to use the design-build process on transit projects it constructs.

Ms. Kawada reported that there is nothing major to report in terms of the federal Transportation Appropriations process. While both the House and Senate have passed their versions of the FY 2007 Transportation Appropriations bills, the final bill is not expected to be taken up by Congress until after the November 7 election. During the week of September 11, the Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee is expected to begin marking up a SAFETEA-LU technical corrections bill. The House passed a technical corrections bill (HR 5689) in late June. Through this bill we are able to include a language change for the $800,000 Maglev project (to complete the Phase II study evaluating the north-south Maglev corridors), and the SR 94 project to allow us to use the funds in the urban rather than rural section of the corridor (in Boulevard). We are striving for several other corrections in the Senate version of the bill including a revision of the LOSSAN (Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo) corridor definition and changes to the City of Chula Vista’s proposed H Street project.

Action: This item was presented for information only.
7. REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2006, DRAFT BOARD AGENDA (APPROVE)

Diane Eidam, Chief Deputy Executive Director, reviewed the draft agenda for the September 22, 2006, SANDAG Board meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Sessom, and a second by Mayor Sanders, the Executive Committee voted to approve the agenda for the September 22, 2006, SANDAG Board meeting as presented.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cafagna adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet
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