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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• UPDATE ON I-15 IRP PHASE II – DRAFT REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT CLUSTER STUDY

• OTAY MESA-MESA DE OTAY BINATIONAL CORRIDOR – ENVIRONMENTAL EARLY ACTIONS PROGRESS REPORT

• TRIBAL INFORMATION SERIES: A) STEWARDING SACRED LANDS; B) WATER SYSTEMS INITIATIVE FOR BAJA CALIFORNIA TRIBES

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**CONSENT (Items 3 - 4)**

3. **STATUS REPORT ON THE PROPOSED HUNTINGTON BEACH SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT (Ron Saenz, SANDAG)**

As requested by the Borders Committee, this report gives an overview of the proposed Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Plant.

4. **JOINT MEETING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Heather Werdick, SANDAG)**

In order to strengthen cooperative relationships with Orange County, staff members from the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and SANDAG have met periodically since July 2005 to discuss topics of joint interest. Staff has been working to schedule a joint meeting between policymakers from the two agencies. We are now planning this workshop for early 2007 to accommodate new Board members from both agencies. Potential discussion topics for this joint workshop could include the OCTA South Orange County Major Investment Study, which will evaluate highway, rail, and other alternatives in south Orange County, updates of long-range transportation plans, and toll facilities.

**CHAIR’S REPORT (Item 5)**

5. **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH (Chairman Smith, SCTCA)**

The California Senate passed a bill in 2005 declaring November California Native American Heritage Month. Chairman Smith will brief the Committee on the significance of this month for tribal governments in the state and highlight some activities taking place in San Diego.
+6. UPDATE ON I-15 IRP PHASE II - DRAFT REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT CLUSTER STUDY (Marney Cox, SANDAG)

The SANDAG Chief Economist will present the draft report on the findings of the Employment Cluster Study, which was conducted as part of Phase II of the I-15 Interregional Partnership. The purpose of the study was to analyze the Riverside and San Diego economies through an approach that identifies similarities between the two and strategic areas of interest that could serve as the basis for collaborative economic development strategies. The results of this study will be incorporated into the final draft of the IRP Phase II Report. This item is presented to the Borders Committee for information.

+7. OTAY MESA-MESA DE OTAY BINATIONAL CORRIDOR - ENVIRONMENTAL EARLY ACTIONS PROGRESS REPORT (Keith Greer and Ron Saenz, SANDAG)

This report will provide a briefing on the California Biodiversity Council’s September meeting and its newly created committee on binational environmental issues. Staff also will discuss how SANDAG plans to collaborate with this group to implement some of the environmental-related actions from the Otay Mesa-Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor Early Action Plan through this proposed committee.

+8. TRIBAL INFORMATION SERIES

As a follow up to the 2006 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit, the Borders Committee will be receiving information items on various policy issues of mutual concern.

+A. STEWARDING SACRED LANDS (Kurt Russo, Executive Director, Native American Land Conservancy)

This oral report is a briefing on the issue of land conservation initiatives. The Native American Land Conservancy (NALC) is an intertribal organization dedicated to the protective management of endangered Native American sacred sites and areas. Kurt Russo, Executive Director of the NALC, will discuss efforts to promote understanding and cooperation between diverse groups and communities engaged in the identification, acquisition, management or co-management of Native American sacred sites, areas, and culturally sensitive species. The NALC is organizing a major conference, "Stewarding Sacred Lands," in San Diego, February 8-9, 2007, hosted by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.
B. WATER SYSTEMS INITIATIVE FOR BAJA CALIFORNIA TRIBES (Paula Stigler, Pala Tribal Government)

This oral report presented by Paula Stigler, member of Pala Tribal Government Environment Department, will present an ongoing initiative through Border 2012 and the collaboration of San Diego tribes to document environmental health practices and water infrastructure available to the indigenous communities of Baja California through a comparative study of four Kumeyaay and Pai Pai indigenous communities. This presentation will show the progression of these community water assessments and discuss its implications on the community as well as demonstrate successful cross border tribal collaborations.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, December 22, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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