



BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS
JANUARY 26, 2007

Chair Mary Sessom (Lemon Grove) called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 9:17 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

Chair Sessom recognized Chair of the Board of Port Commissioners Sylvia Rios as this was her first SANDAG Board meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT (1)

1. **SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIBAL CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (INFORMATION)**

Chair Sessom stated that SANDAG is home to 17 federally recognized tribal nations—the most of any county in the United States. Through the Borders Committee, SANDAG has been building a government-to-government framework for engaging tribal nations at a regional level. In June 2005, the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA), an intertribal council of recognized tribes in the region, agreed to join the Borders Committee as an advisory member. SANDAG and SCTCA have discussed an approach to tribal representation that would involve tribal governments in policy decisions, while respecting tribal sovereignty. This proposal was developed jointly and approved by the Boards of both entities. This includes adding SCTCA as an advisory member to the SANDAG Board of Directors and our Transportation, Regional Planning, and Public Safety Committees. We are memorializing this agreement with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will be signed by the Chair of the SCTCA, Robert Smith, and Mary Sessom as Chair of SANDAG.

Chairman Smith stated that there has been an SCTCA representative on the Borders Committee as an advisory member for a little over a year and a half. We held a tribal summit in 2006 that was beneficial to all involved. We came before the Board and requested consideration of this tribal representation. He expressed appreciation to Borders Committee Chair Patricia McCoy for her efforts in this regard. We have mutual interests in all of these policy advisory committee areas. On behalf of the SCTCA Board, we look forward to working with you. He acknowledged several tribal leaders in attendance: Chairman Allen Lawson (San Pasqual), Chairman Chris Devers (Pauma), Chairman Mark Romero (Mesa Grande), Councilmember Stephanie Spencer (Rincon), and Denis Turner, SCTCA Executive Director.

Councilmember McCoy (Imperial Beach) expressed her appreciation at how everyone worked as a team and showed each other respect.

Chair Sessom asked Chairman Smith to join her at the table for the signing of the MOU.

Chairman Smith recognized SANDAG staff Jane Clough-Riquelme for her efforts as the SANDAG liaison to the tribes.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler (Escondido) and a second by Councilmember Jim Madaffer (City of San Diego), the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the minutes from the December 15, 2006, meeting. Mayor Jim Janney (Imperial Beach) abstained from the vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS

Clive Richard, a member of the public, commented that as our population ages we will need a SANDAG Board champion for the disabled or mobility impaired, especially with regard to purchasing more of the new low-floor trolley vehicles. The trolley vehicles we now have are getting old. He will continue to advocate this action until he is told monies are allocated for this purpose.

Don Stillwell, a member of the public, commented on what he felt were violations of the Brown Act by the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Board. He referred to several letters between MTS and the City of National City regarding the consolidation of National City Transit into MTS. He asked about the consequences of violating the Brown Act. He said he will continue to watch for a pattern of Brown Act violations. He requested a response to his comments.

4. ACTIONS FOR POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (APPROVE)

This item summarizes the actions taken by the Regional Planning Committee on January 5, the Executive Committee on January 12, and the Transportation and Public Safety Committee meetings on January 19, 2007.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer and a second by First Vice Chair Pfeiler, the SANDAG Board approved Agenda Item No. 4, Actions from Policy Advisory Committees. Yes – 18 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Coronado.

Mayor Art Madrid (La Mesa) asked to make a comment on Item No 3. Several years ago, the SANDAG Board established the Gloria McClellan Award to recognize elected officials within the region. He asked for a future report by staff summarizing who has received this award to date and the criteria and process for nominations.

CONSENT ITEMS (5 through 8)

5. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5311 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (APPROVE)

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 program, administered by Caltrans, would provide a total of \$913,673 for rural transit services in the San Diego region. Caltrans requires that these funds be programmed and applications completed no later than the end of January 2007. The Board of Directors is asked to approve the FTA Section 5311 program of projects for North County Transit District (NCTD) and MTS.

6. FY 2008 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS PROPOSALS (APPROVE)

In October 2006, the Transportation Committee approved the criteria for selecting projects for consideration in the FY 2008 federal transportation appropriations process. Staff has worked with Caltrans, the transit agencies, and local jurisdictions to develop the priorities for the FY 2008 funding cycle. The Board of Directors is asked to approve the list of proposed project funding requests for the FY 2008 federal transportation appropriations cycle.

7. APPOINTMENT OF POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS (INFORMATION)

SANDAG Board Policy No. 002 requires the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, and Board members from each of the four subregions (North County Coastal, North County Inland, East County, and South County) to make their appointments to the five Policy Advisory Committees by January 31 of each year.

8. REPORT SUMMARIZING DELEGATED ACTIONS TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (INFORMATION)

In accordance with SANDAG Board Policy Nos. 003 (Investment Policy), 017 (Delegation of Authority), and 024 (Procurement and Contracting-Construction), this report summarizes certain delegated actions taken by the Executive Director during November 2006.

Action: Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Pfeiler and a second by Councilmember Madaffer, the SANDAG Board voted to approve Consent Item Nos. 5 through 8. Yes – 18. No – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent - Coronado.

CHAIR'S REPORT (9 through 10)

9. REMARKS BY TIJUANA MAYOR HANK RHON (INFORMATION)

Chair Sessom introduced and welcomed Tijuana Mayor Jorge Hank to the meeting. She noted that at his last visit he was just beginning his three-year term of office, which ends later this year. Through Mayor Hank's leadership, Tijuana and SANDAG have worked together to create our first comprehensive plan, the Otay Mesa-Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor Strategic Plan. Last November, Chair Sessom attended Mayor Hank's State of the City address and was impressed with his list of achievements. She recognized his leadership,

hospitality, and commitment to fostering collaborative planning in our San Diego-Tijuana binational region.

Mayor Hank expressed his appreciation that this meeting was not held on his birthday this year. He played a video that provided comments on the relationship between Tijuana and SANDAG. Mayor Hank provided an overview of the accomplishments made during his tenure. The San Diego and Tijuana regions continue to strengthen our relationship and build bridges to work on our mutual challenges. Economic, social, and cultural interrelationships are getting stronger every day. In order to achieve our goals, one of our city's first actions was to create a binational office. We have worked with SANDAG and Caltrans to develop the Otay Mesa-Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor Strategic Plan that addresses four basic issues: transportation, environment, housing, and economic development.

Mayor Hank thought that we have been successful in our work. He will be campaigning for governor of Baja California. He hoped that we can keep on working for our binational region. He introduced Kurt Honold, the interim Mayor of Tijuana.

Mr. Honold said that he wanted to continue the good relations that have been built. He noted that Alfonso Bustamante will continue his liaison efforts with SANDAG.

Mayor Hank thanked the SANDAG Board and invited everyone to attend his birthday party on Sunday, January 28, 2007.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

10. U.S. MARINE CORPS AND NAVY REPRESENTATION ON SANDAG (APPROVE)

Chair Sessom stated that based on a letter SANDAG received from the Marine Corps requesting advisory membership on our Board she has worked with both Major General Michael Lehnert and Admiral Len Hering to discuss how both these services can best be represented at SANDAG. At its January 12, 2007, meeting, the Executive Committee discussed this item and recommended that we include both military services on our Board as advisory members.

Mayor Jim Wood (Oceanside) said that Oceanside is thrilled to have such wonderful neighbors to the north. He pointed out that both Major General Lehnert and Admiral Hering are like mayors; they have many of the same local concerns that we have.

Motion Made

Mayor Wood moved to include both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy as advisory (nonvoting) members of the SANDAG Board of Directors in place of the current U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) representation. Councilmember Madaffer seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Motion

Mayor Madrid offered a different perspective. He agreed with the statements of Mayor Wood; however, he noted that the process to provide a tribal advisory seat on the SANDAG Board took two years. It was evaluated, discussed, and debated extensively. He respectfully requested that this subject be further evaluated before a decision is made. He believes that other stakeholders such as academia and hospitals also should be represented on SANDAG. He asked that we reassess the criteria for advisory membership and suggested that this matter be sent back to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

Chair Sessom noted that there was significant debate at the Executive Committee on this subject before it was forwarded to the full Board.

Mayor Wood said he doesn't want to send a negative message to the military. He acknowledged the Department of Defense representation, but he felt that both the Marine Corps and the Navy should be represented. He supported proceeding with this action.

Mayor Madrid said that this is the first time he has heard about this matter. He questioned the process used regarding advisory representation. He wondered where we draw the line with regard to advisory membership.

Chair Sessom said that Major General Lehnert did speak before this Board in September 2006 and requested this additional advisory seat.

Mayor Ron Morrison (National City) stated that he has the highest regard for the Marine Corps, but we have had representation from the Department of Defense (DOD), which includes all of the armed forces. He wondered if there are others that we should consider as advisory members. We asked tribal governments to have one representative. One of the largest government bodies that has significant impact on transportation is our school system, and it is not represented at this table. We need to go back and take a look at this. As a practical matter, we won't have room for the public if we continue to add representatives to the Board.

Councilmember Jack Dale commented that the process should be to evaluate the kinds of regional decisions we will have to make in the future, the input we will need when we make those decisions, and then select those groups that should be a part of it. A lot of our decision is based on reacting to who has asked to be a member. Perhaps at the Retreat or at a future Board meeting, we should decide who we need to have here and then invite them.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler noted that when the Executive Committee looked at this and reviewed Board policy, it was determined that we should have both the Marines and the Navy on the Board. They make similar decisions as SANDAG with regard to transportation and housing. She supported moving forward with this today.

Mayor Jim Desmond (San Marcos) mentioned that we also have a Coast Guard base here and asked how far we should go with representation. He wondered if we have reciprocal representation on other boards and if that is a requirement for others to be represented at

SANDAG. He asked if we have reciprocal representation in this case with the Navy and the Marines.

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, responded that we don't have reciprocal agreements with our advisory members.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler said the reason for that is that most of the decisions are made here. We don't have to have reciprocal memberships because those boards are not always regional like SANDAG.

Chair Sessom said that it is appropriate for us to take a look at the policy at the Executive Committee from here on out.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Madaffer moved a substitute motion to refer the entire policy issue including this request for a second seat for the Marine Corps to the Executive Committee for further discussion and to report back to the Board within 120 days. Councilmember Crystal Crawford (Del Mar) seconded the substitute motion.

Chair Sessom asked if looking at the policy on advisory committee membership would apply retroactively. Councilmember Madaffer responded that it could. He suggested a review of the entire policy.

Harry Mathis, MTS Chair, said he had a problem with not taking action on a request for additional representation under the Board's existing policy. The real issue is to decide today on the merits of Marine and Navy representation based on current policy. The Executive Committee has made a recommendation. He is troubled by the direction to shy away from making a decision.

Councilmember Crawford said that she seconded the substitute motion for the reasons that have been pointed out; this is the first time the Board has heard about this, and there are broader issues than the application of existing policy. She understood the military's request, and there are many reasons we could support that request. There was some discussion at the Executive Committee meeting about these same aspects, and there were some reservations about this request. Further consideration of the broader issue would allow the Board to make a better decision on the request. She would like the Board to be fully informed. It never hurts to look at this and bring back more information to the Board.

Ron Roberts, Chair of the County Board of Supervisors, stated that in keeping with the other advisory appointments we have made to date, we have organizations here (Marine Corps and Navy) that have far more significance on the kinds of issues we deal with here at SANDAG. He was puzzled by the way the discussion was going, given the prior discussion at the Executive Committee meeting. He had no problem referring the criteria to the Executive Committee, but thought the Board should act on this request today.

Chair Sessom called for the question on the substitute motion.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer and a second by Councilmember Crawford, the SANDAG Board voted to refer the entire policy concerning advisory representation, including this request for a second seat for the Marine Corps, to the Executive Committee for further discussion and to report back to the Board within 120 days. Yes – 11 (weighted vote, 62%). No – 8: County of San Diego, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Lemon Grove, Oceanside, Poway, and Vista (weighted vote, 38%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – 0. This substitute motion passed.

REPORTS (11)

11. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2006 (INFORMATION)

Jose Nuncio showed a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of recently completed transportation projects, those under construction, and an update on the rideshare/vanpool program. Under recently completed projects, he reviewed the SPRINTER vehicle maintenance facility and vehicle procurement. Under construction, he showed progress on the SPRINTER line; the Interstate 5 (I-15) Managed Lanes; the State Route (SR) 52 widening; the SR 163/Clairemont Mesa Boulevard Interchange; the SR 125 Gap, Connector, and Tollway projects; the I-5/SR 54 Interchange landscaping; the East Village Smart Corner/City College Trolley Station; and the I-5/I-805 merge. On the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Vanpool Program, he noted that the vanpool growth trend shows a 16 percent increase from December 2005 to December 2006. The goal for June 2009 is 730 vans. Over the past year, SANDAG staff has been invited to present this information to various city councils and other group meetings.

Councilmember Crawford asked when SR 125 will be completed. Mr. Nuncio responded that it will be completed later this summer.

Pedro Orso-Delgado, Caltrans District 11 Director, said that they opened bids on Thursday, January 25, on the I-5/Lomas Santa Fe interchange project. There were eight bidders, and the apparent low bidder is \$400,000 over the Engineer's Estimate. We estimated 430 working days, but we will be able to save 50 percent of that time. He hoped to complete this project prior to the 2007 San Diego County Fair (in Del Mar).

Second Vice Chair Jerome Stocks (Encinitas) stated that we should put that into perspective, and asked what the Engineer's Estimate was for that project. Mr. Orso-Delgado replied that it was \$9 million, and the bid came in at \$9.4 million.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Sessom stated that Item No. 7 was related to the subregional appointments to the SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees.

Mayor Morrison noted that there was an error regarding the South County representatives to the Regional Planning Committee. The primary South County representative will be

Mayor Jim Janney from Imperial Beach, and the alternate will be Councilmember John McCann from Chula Vista. He asked that those corrections be made on the record.

Chair Sessom noted that the East County representatives met this morning to select their appointments, and they will be reported at the next Board meeting.

Chair Sessom mentioned the Board Retreat from Wednesday, January 31, through Friday, February 2, and noted that we are expecting the largest turnout ever.

The next Policy meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 9, 2007, has been cancelled. The next regular Business meeting is scheduled at 9 a.m. for Friday, February 23, 2007.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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ATTENDANCE
SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2007

JURISDICTION/ ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING
City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Member)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Cheryl Cox (Member)	Yes
City of Coronado	Phil Monroe (Member)	Yes
City of Del Mar	Crystal Crawford (Member)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Mark Lewis (Member)	Yes
City of Encinitas	Jerome Stocks, 2nd Vice Chair (Member)	Yes
City of Escondido	Lori Holt Pfeiler, 1st Vice Chair (Member)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Jim Janney (Member)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Art Madrid (Member)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mary Sessom, Vice Chair (Member)	Yes
City of National City	Ron Morrison (Member)	Yes
City of Oceanside	James Wood (Member)	Yes
City of Poway	Don Higginson (1st Alternate)	Yes
City of San Diego - A	Jim Madaffer (1st Alternate)	Yes
City of San Diego - B	Toni Atkins (Member B)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Jim Desmond (Member)	Yes
City of Santee	Jack Dale (Member)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Lesa Heebner (Member)	Yes
City of Vista	Judy Ritter (Member)	Yes
County of San Diego - A	Ron Roberts (Member A)	Yes
County of San Diego - B	Bill Horn (Member B)	Yes
Caltrans	Pedro Orso-Delgado (Alternate)	Yes
MTS	Harry Mathis (Member)	Yes
NCTD	Ed Gallo (Member)	Yes
Imperial County	Victor Carrillo (Member)	No
US Dept. of Defense	CAPT Steve Wirshing (Alternate)	Yes
SD Unified Port District	Sylvia Rios (Member)	Yes
SD County Water Authority	Marilyn Dailey (Member)	Yes
Baja California/Mexico	Luis Cabrera Cuaron (Member)	Yes
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Chairman Robert Smith	Yes