Chair Mary Sessom (East County) called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Lori Pfeiler (North County Inland) and a second by Second Vice Chair Jerome Stocks (North County Coastal), the minutes of the October 12, 2007, Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS

Chuck Lungerhausen, a member of the public, commented that the price of gasoline is on the rise again and could hit $4 a gallon in 2008. Board members who drive single-occupant vehicles should remember that it was this Governor who balanced the most recent state budget by taking money from California’s Public Transportation Account. Mr. Lungerhausen suggested that a $2 temporary registration fee increase be levied for all registered vehicles in the state to share more fairly the funding for public transportation. Increased fares for public transit are already in the process of being approved.

Chair Sessom moved Item No. 5 up for discussion at this time.

5. DRAFT 2008 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM (DISCUSSION)

Genevieve Morelos, Senior Legislative Analyst, reported that each year the Executive Committee recommends to the Board of Directors a legislative program for the upcoming calendar year. The program is organized into three distinct sections: Sponsor, Support/Oppose, and Monitor. Within each section, individual goals are assigned a priority level, ranging from highest to lowest. The program also lists the Board position, position year, which committee is involved, and whether the goal involves federal, state, and/or local efforts. She reviewed the draft 2008 program, specifically the proposed changes to the legislative goals under the Sponsor section. She noted that the Public Safety Committee (PSC) is scheduled to review the proposed public safety-related goals at its November 16, 2007, meeting. She asked for the Executive Committee’s comments and noted that staff would bring the final program back for Committee and Board action in December.

Supervisor Roberts said he had two items of concern. The first is related to Legislative Goal No. 2A, “Pursue amendments to statutes authorizing SANDAG to levy taxes, issue bonds,
and/or other funding mechanisms to finance projects that implement the RCP.” He noted that there will be unanimity in opposition to this item from the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will not support allowing a regional board that is not directly elected to levy taxes.

His second concern is related to Legislative Goal No. 6A, “Pursue resources to improve regional public safety voice and data communications and interoperability, including connectivity with state and federal systems.” One thing that is different now from four years ago is that there is no problem with various agencies communicating with one another. That’s because we have worked together. Beyond that, the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego are proceeding with a joint procurement for the next generation communications system for public safety. This new system will use different technology and is very expensive. He was not sure of the role of SANDAG in this issue, as it doesn’t relate to the agency’s mission. He questioned whether this goal was necessary given what is being done by other agencies regarding interoperability.

Chair Sessom said that this has been one of the public safety-related goals recommended by the Public Safety Committee.

Kim Kawada, Policy and Legislative Affairs Program Manager, commented that a couple of years ago the Public Safety Committee conducted a regionwide needs assessment regarding public safety. This needs assessment identified four important issue areas that needed additional investment or better coordinated regional efforts. One of these issue areas was improving regional interoperability and communications. The intent of the proposed legislative goal is to allow SANDAG to support regional efforts to improve interoperability and communications in the San Diego region. In 2005, the Public Safety Committee proposed this as its highest legislative goal.

Cindy Burke, Criminal Justice Research Division Director, said that another one of the identified needs was improving public safety training facilities, which the Public Safety Committee is currently discussing. Regarding interoperability, it is not proposed that SANDAG take the lead but instead support efforts for improved interoperability.

Supervisor Roberts said that the list needs some modifications.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler reminded everyone that the list of goals represents a regional perspective. The City of San Diego and the County of San Diego may be taking the lead on this particular issue, but including this goal on the SANDAG program reminds us that it is a regional issue and that the 17 other cities should support it. We are not at odds on this issue.

Second Vice Chair Stocks suggested that the language be revised to indicate, “Support regional efforts to pursue improving regional public safety voice and data communications and interoperability…”

Chair Sessom reminded everyone that we are not taking any action on this today. This recommended change will be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee next week.
Councilmember Jim Madaffer (City of San Diego) said that this change also could be made to Goal No. 7A, so that it reads, “Support regional efforts to pursue Homeland Security funding...” On Goal No. 2A, he suggested striking the words, “levy taxes,” and inserting “seek voter approval for any measure to levy taxes.” Goal No. 4A would pursue statutory authority to build a toll road and port of entry at East Otay Mesa. He thought this goal should be moved up on the priority list. We also should be more involved in Goal No. 4B related to legislation that provides incentives to jurisdictions that afford opportunities for more housing rather than just support/oppose measures.

Supervisor Roberts said that deleting the words, “levy taxes,” doesn’t eliminate the concern about a non-directly elected body levying taxes. Councilmember Madaffer pointed out that Senate Bill (SB) 1703 gives SANDAG authority to levy local taxes up to 1 percent. Julie Wiley, General Counsel, said that Item 2A would expand the purposes for those tax monies. There now has to be a transportation nexus for the use of those funds, and the Board might want to use it for other purposes, such as beach sand replenishment.

Chair Sessom stated that we don’t want to turn the public off to opportunities when we mention taxes. We should word this item in a way to keep people’s minds open to possible funding opportunities.

Councilmember Madaffer agreed that we shouldn’t foreclose on opportunities that a regional body like SANDAG can address.

Second Vice Chair Stocks said that instead of saying “levy taxes” or “issue bonds,” we could revise the language to expand the tax authority that currently exists.

Councilmember Madaffer said that if you are going to ask the voters for a tax increase, you should make that clear.

Second Vice Chair Stocks commented that we need to address the question of why we need the funds.

Supervisor Roberts reiterated that expansion of authority is the problem.

Mayor Cheryl Cox (South County) suggested that Goal No. 12B be eliminated and that the language be combined with Goal Nos. 4A and 7A. Enhancing border security fits with Goal No. 7A, and reducing border wait times fits with Goal No. 4A.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler wondered whether we would need to keep Goal No. 12B to enable us to oppose or support border-related efforts that others propose.

**Action:** The Executive Committee provided direction to staff related to the draft 2008 Legislative Program. The program will be brought back for action at the December 7, 2007, Executive Committee meeting.
3. STATE LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT (INFORMATION)

The California State Legislature approved 964 bills during the first year of the 2007-2008 regular legislative session. Governor Schwarzenegger signed 750 bills and vetoed 214. This report provides an update on key legislation for SANDAG that was signed or vetoed by the Governor as well as two-year bills that will likely move again next session.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

4. 2008 ANNUAL SANDAG BOARD RETREAT (RECOMMEND)

Colleen Windsor, Communications Director, reported that it is time to start planning for the Board’s annual retreat. As a result of a competitive process, the retreat will be held again at La Casa Del Zorro in Borrego Springs. She noted that suggested discussion topics include the following: funding alternatives for habitat, stormwater, beach sand, and public transit and/or other quality of life priorities. We propose to hold breakout sessions to identify and build consensus on agency priorities for FY 2009 and propose to hold a forum with our state delegation to discuss policy initiatives such as climate change and funding for public transit. During past retreats, we also have provided a primer on the agency’s vision, mission, and functions, and the role and responsibilities of a Board member for new members, as well as a refresher course for existing Board members.

Ms. Windsor asked Executive Committee members to provide input on the proposed topics and speaker(s). She stated that one idea for a keynote speaker is to select someone who can provide insight and has worked on the passage of a quality of life funding measure. She said that the retreat provides an opportunity to collaboratively address significant regional issues.

Chair Sessom said that we are looking for suggestions for speakers and input on the list of retreat topics.

Mayor Cox said that she liked having the smaller breakout sessions. She suggested the Executive Director of King County, Washington, as a possible speaker. She has heard him speak about the need to reduce energy dependence and climate change.

Councilmember Madaffer suggested Greg Nichols, the Mayor of Seattle, as an outstanding speaker and a leader in this area. He commented that last year’s retreat was very crowded and that there was little opportunity for in-depth discussion among the Board members, but perhaps the breakout sessions will resolve that.

Councilmember Matt Hall (North County Coastal) said that some of the feedback he heard from last year was that first-time attendees lack an understanding of the retreat dynamics and don’t know how they can best participate.
First Vice Chair Pfeiler agreed it would be helpful to provide information on what first-time attendees should expect and how they can make the most of the retreat.

Chair Sessom suggested that some experienced Board members could attend the first-timer orientation.

Chair Sessom reiterated that we competitively looked at locations for this event.

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, added that this was the most cost-effective location.

Councilmember Madaffer liked the idea of the retreat being out of town. He feels it will foster more discussion. He urged people to check their cell phones at the door because they can create a distraction.

Ms. Windsor said that if there are any more speaker suggestions, to let her know.

Action: Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Pfeiler and a second by Councilmember Madaffer, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to recommend Board approval of the 2008 Board Retreat agenda.

7. REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 30, 2007, DRAFT BOARD AGENDA (APPROVE)

Diane Eidam, Chief Deputy Executive Director, reviewed the draft agenda for the November 30 SANDAG Board meeting. She noted that Tijuana Mayor Kurt Honold will be at the November 30 Board meeting, and that this is his last day in office.

Action: Upon a motion by Second Vice Chair Stocks and a second by Councilmember Madaffer, the Executive Committee voted to approve the agenda for the November 30, 2007, Board of Directors meeting.

6. ANNUAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICIES (DISCUSSION/ POSSIBLE ACTION)

Ms. Wiley reported that each year we review Board policies and ask department directors and their staffs to look for areas that need updating. She said that only substantive changes would be reviewed. She noted that Renee Wasmund, Director of Finance, would review changes to the Investment Policy (No. 003).

Ms. Wasmund reviewed proposed changes to Policy No. 003 related to ARJIS accounting, allowing for the use of non-negotiable Certificate of Deposit (CD) purchases, and allowing SANDAG to utilize deposit placement services for the non-negotiable CD purchases. These changes also will allow SANDAG to invest funds in smaller community banks.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler asked how much would be reinvested in the local community banks. Ms. Wasmund replied that she did not have that specific amount. It would be one opportunity used for diversification of our investment portfolio.

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, said that we still would want to make a reasonable rate of return when we place investments in the local community banks.
Ms. Wasmund said that as an example, the County’s investment program requires the rate of return for local investments to be 10 basis points above the rate of Treasury Bills.

Councilmember Madaffer asked if this action for the CDs would be under the discretion of the Director of Finance or something that the Board would approve. Ms. Wasmund said that there is a list of staff members shown in Board Policy No. 003, who are authorized to make these kinds of transactions.

Mayor Mickey Cafagna (North County Inland) asked about updating the minimum amount in Section 8.8 related to Commercial Paper from $500 million to $1 billion. Ms. Wasmund said she would have our investment advisor look at the minimums to see if they should be revised.

Ms. Wiley continued by reviewing proposed changes to Policy No. 004, Rules of Procedure for Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Committees, and Other Legislative Bodies; and Policy No. 016, Procurement of Services.

Mr. Gallegos said that we would continue to review proposed changes to Board Policies No. 023, Procurement and Contracting – Equipment and Supplies; No. 024, Procurement and Contracting – Construction; No. 025, Public Participation/Involvement Policy; No. 027, Transportation Development Act; and No. 031, TransNet Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Rules, at the December Executive Committee meeting.

**Action:** This item was presented for information at this time.

8. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2007, at 9 a.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Sessom adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet
## CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
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