

San Diego Association of Governments

# BORDERS COMMITTEE

March 25, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## **BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2011**

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair John Minto (East County) at 12:35 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Rudy Ramirez (South County) and a second by Supervisor John Renison (Imperial County), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the January 28, 2011, meeting. Vice Mayor Ruth Sterling (East County) and Councilmember Farrah Douglas (North County Coastal) abstained.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Minto welcomed Carolina Bustamante, daughter of Tijuana Mayor Carlos Bustamante, and First Lady of Tijuana. She reported on her efforts to improve the lives of Tijuana citizens as the Board President of the Municipal Human/Family Services System (Desarrollo Integral de la Familia or DIF).

Chair Minto introduced Susan Reinert, Politics and Economics Chief of the U.S. Consulate General's Office in Tijuana, and Georgina Scarlata, from the Department of State's Mexican Borders Affairs office.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT (Item #3)**

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BORDERS COMMITTEE MEMBERS (INFORMATION)

Chair Minto welcomed the newly appointed representatives to the Borders Committee and self-introductions were conducted.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

## REPORTS (Items #4 through 8)

### 4. SUMMARY OF PAST AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE BORDERS COMMITTEE (INFORMATION)

Hector Vanegas, Borders Committee Coordinator, reported on the Committee's roles and responsibilities, achievements and milestones, along with issues discussed in previous years. He also provided a brief description of the main activities included in the calendar of meetings, which outlines work elements and tasks included in the SANDAG Fiscal Year 2011 Overall Work Program.

Councilmember David Alvarez (City of San Diego) asked if the Borders Committee has addressed the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry Reconfiguration and Expansion Project.

Deputy Mayor Ramirez (South County) asked about the process to include topics in future meetings of the Border Committee.

Regarding advocacy opportunities with federal governments, Hon. Remedios Gómez-Arnau, Consul General of Mexico in San Diego, announced the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce will conduct its annual Mission to Mexico City during the first week in April.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

### 5. PROPOSED THEME AND DATE OF THE 2011 SANDAG ANNUAL BINATIONAL EVENT (ACCEPT)

Angelika Villagrana, Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO), provided background information on the binational event and presented COBRO's recommendation to hold the 2011 binational event on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, focusing on public and active transportation on the border, including transit.

Action: Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Rudy Ramirez (South County) and a second by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland), the Borders Committee unanimously accepted COBRO's recommendation that the 2011 binational event be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, focusing on public and active transportation on the border.

### 6. REPORT FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO (INFORMATION)

Hon. Remedios Gómez-Arnau, Consul General of Mexico in San Diego, reported on the meeting of the U.S., Mexican, and Canadian Trade Ministers that took place in Mexico City on January 10, 2011, in which they reviewed the overall results of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Action: This item was presented for information only.

7. UPDATE ON STATE ROUTE 11 AND OTAY MESA EAST PORT OF ENTRY PROJECT (INFORMATION)

Mario Orso, Corridor Director (Caltrans), provided background information and a progress report on the State Route 11 (SR 11) and Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project, including the upcoming Intelligent Transportation System Deployment Study.

The project's draft environmental document has been circulated for public review.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

8. CAL-EPA CROSSBORDER EFFORTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE (INFORMATION)

Action: This item was not presented at this time.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2011, at 12:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2011  
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING	
				Yes	No
South County	City of Chula Vista	Rudy Ramirez	Member	✓	
	City of Coronado	Mike Woiwode	Alternate	✓	
North County Coastal	City of Oceanside	Gary Felien	Member	✓	
	City of Carlsbad	Farrah Douglas	Alternate	✓	
North County Inland	City of Escondido	Ed Gallo	Member	✓	
	City of Poway	Jim Cunningham	Alternate		✓
East County	City of Santee	John Minto (Chair)	Member	✓	
	City of La Mesa	Ruth Sterling	Alternate	✓	
City of San Diego	----	David Alvarez	Member	✓	
	----	Sherri Lightner	Alternate		✓
County of San Diego	----	Greg Cox (Vice Chair)	Member	✓	
	----	Pam Slater-Price	Alternate	✓	
Imperial County	Imperial County	John Renison	Member	✓	
		VACANT	Alternate	--	--
COBRO	-----	Dr. Paul Ganster	Member		✓
	-----	Cindy Gompper-Graves	Alternate		✓
	-----	Angelika Villagrana	Alternate	✓	
County of Riverside		VACANT	Member	--	--
Republic of Mexico	Consul General of Mexico	Remedios Gomez-Arnau	Member	✓	
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Martha Rosas	Alternate		✓
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Mesa Grande	Mark Romero	Member	✓	
	Campo	Monique LaChappa	Alternate		✓

Caltrans		Laurie Berman	Member	✓	
		Bill Figge	Alternate	✓	
San Diego County Water Authority		Howard Williams	Member	✓	
		Elsa Saxod	Alternate		✓
SCAG		Rich Macias	Member		✓
		Mathew Gleason	Alternate	✓	
County of Orange	City of San Clemente	Jim Dahl	Member		✓
	County of Orange	Bill Campbell	Alternate		✓