

San Diego Association of Governments

BORDERS COMMITTEE

September 23, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1A**

Action Requested: APPROVE

BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF MAY 27, 2011

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair John Minto (East County) at 12:33 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland) and a second by Councilmember Gary Felien (North County Coastal), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the April 22, 2011, meeting. Councilmember Mike Woiwode (South County) abstained.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Lorraine M. Leyhten relayed her concerns regarding disabled access on buses traveling to the casinos.

Renée Wasmund, Chief Deputy Executive Director, noted that this is not in the purview of the Borders Committee as the buses are private charters operating for the casinos.

Chair Minto welcomed Vice Chairwoman Michelle Cuero, representing the Campo Kumeyaay Nation, and Hon. Dave Toler, representing the San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Mission Indians.

As it was the last meeting for Angelika Villagrana, Executive Director of Public Policy (San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce), Chair Minto thanked for her many years of service and noted she was one of the original founding members of the Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO).

Ms. Villagrana commented she had been involved for almost 24 years and invited Committee members to attend the event on the 28th of June, the Binational Seminar "Enhancing Transit and Non-Motorized Mobility on the Border."

CONSENT (Items 3 and 4)

3. 2011 SANDAG ANNUAL BINATIONAL EVENT UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Chair Minto reminded Committee members of the binational event on June 28, 2011.

4. REPORT FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO (INFORMATION)

Hon. Alberto Díaz, representing Hon. Remedios Gómez-Arnau, Consul General of Mexico in San Diego, stated that the 23rd Border Legislative Conference, held in Las Cruces, New Mexico on April 14-16, 2011, focused on environment and renewable energy. He invited Committee members to view further conference information at www.borderlegislators.org.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland) and a second by Vice Chair Greg Cox (County of San Diego), the Borders Committee unanimously approved Consent Items 3 and 4.

Chair Minto informed the meeting would be tribal issue-focused and welcomed Chairwoman Monique LaChappa of the Campo Kumeyaay Nation.

Chairman Mark Romero, representing the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA), provided an introduction to the meeting.

REPORTS (Items 5 through 10)

5. DRAFT 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: TRIBAL, BINATIONAL, AND INTERREGIONAL COMPONENTS (DISCUSSION)

Heather Adamson, Senior Regional Planner (SANDAG), provided a brief overview of the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), highlighting the binational, interregional, and tribal components, and described the process to obtain public input on the Draft 2050 RTP and major milestones leading to the anticipated adoption of the RTP in fall 2011.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

6. THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIBAL CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION VIDEO ON TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY (INFORMATION)

Hon. Mark Romero, SCTCA Representative to the Borders Committee, presented an educational video on tribal sovereignty featuring tribal leaders from the region and experts on sovereignty.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

7. KUMEYAAY DIEGUEÑO LAND CONSERVANCY UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Seven bands of the Kumeyaay Nation form the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy (KDLC). The KDLC was created to provide another means for protecting sacred sites throughout San Diego County and to preserve and pass on to future generations our ancestral knowledge of the Kumeyaay aboriginal territory. Louis Guassac, KDLC Board member, briefed the Borders Committee on the goals and objectives of the KDLC and its current activities.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

8. UPDATE ON FTA TRIBAL TRANSIT GRANT – ARRA FUNDING (INFORMATION)

The Reservation Transportation Authority (RTA) has successfully competed for the last three years for the FTA Tribal Transit grant program (5311C) for operating funds which have been dedicated to the express enhancements of the North County Transit District Route 388 as recommended by the Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues (Tribal Transportation Working Group). As part of the FY 2009 grant cycle, ARRA funds were made available to FY 2008 grantees. The RTA submitted and received a grant for \$1.2 million for capital improvements associated with the FTA Tribal Transit grant program, including the construction of a bus stop at the State Route 76/Interstate 15 Park and Ride.

Hon. Dave Toler, representing the RTA Executive Board, provided background information on the RTA and the Tribal Transportation Working Group.

RTA Executive Director Tony Largo updated Committee members on the implementation of the grant.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

9. INTER-TRIBAL LONG TERM RECOVERY FOUNDATION UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Hon. Mark Romero, Inter-Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation (ITLTRF) Chair, provided background information on the ITLTRF, whose mission is to strengthen and enhance the coordination of area-wide disaster recovery efforts on tribal lands located in Southern California affected by wildfires and other disasters by working with tribal, federal, state, and local government agencies to:

- 1) Share disaster relief information;
- 2) Simplify access to disaster relief services; and
- 3) Provide mutual assistance to tribal communities that have experienced natural disasters.

Theresa Gregor, ITLTRF Executive Director, shared a video describing the origin and mission of the Foundation and briefed Committee members on its activities, strategic plans, and milestones.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

10. RENEWABLE ENERGY AND TRIBES

Title V of the 2005 Energy Policy Act concerns tribal self-determination and energy planning. The most significant provision of Title V is the creation of the opportunity for tribes to enter into a Tribal Energy Resource Agreement (TERA). A TERA is an agreement between a tribe and the United States Department of the Interior. Once a tribe enters into a TERA, it has authority to enter into leases, business agreements, and rights-of-way affecting energy development without the review and approval of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Hon. Monique LaChappa, SCTCA Representative, reported the Campo Kumeyaay Nation is the first tribe in the nation with a commercial scale wind farm on their land, and is presently in the process of developing a larger wind facility.

Roger Fragua, Consultant to the SCTCA, presented background information on Indian energy and economic development, tribal opportunities and challenges, energy policy and project development, regulatory and permitting issues, tribes' participation in energy projects, and opportunities for collaboration.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2011, at Noon.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 27, 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 Gompfer-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		✓