

San Diego Association of Governments

# BORDERS COMMITTEE

October 28, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

The Borders Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Greg Cox (County of San Diego) 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 Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland) and a second by Deputy Mayor Rudy Ramirez (South County), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the May 27, 2011, and the July 22, 2011, meetings.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Cox introduced Councilmember Brian Tisdale (City of Lake Elsinore), recently appointed to represent the County of Riverside.

Vice Chair Cox introduced Evelia Castellanos new Borders Committee Clerk, and asked Committee members to introduce themselves.

Monique LaChappa (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association [SCTCA]) announced that today, Friday, September 23, 2011, is California Indian Day, a celebration of the diversity and peaceful coexistence of the various tribes in California.

Chair John Minto (East County) recognized Jaclyn Cooper, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, for her work helping organizing the Borders Committee tour for the Otay Mesa Port of Entry in July, and several Committee members expressed their appreciation.

### CONSENT (3 and 4)

3. BORDERS COMMITTEE WORK ELEMENTS AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 (INFORMATION)

This report outlines the work elements and tasks included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Overall Work Program that are related to the responsibilities of the Borders Committee, as well as a draft calendar of meetings for the rest of this fiscal .

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

The Consul General of Mexico in San Diego, Honorable Remedios Gómez-Arnau, contributes to the Borders Committee dialogue by providing periodic reports on binational activities within the purview of the Committee. This report highlights the upcoming XXIX Border Governors Conference, which will be held in Ensenada, Baja California, on September 28-29, 2011.

Action: Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Ramirez and a second by Supervisor John Renison (Imperial County), the Borders Committee accepted Consent Items 3 and 4.

**REPORTS (5 through 8)**

5. INTERSTATE 15 INTERREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Interstate 15 Interregional Partnership (I-15 IRP) was formed in 2001 between planning agencies in southwestern Riverside County and the San Diego region to foster a collaborative approach to the jobs/housing balance and congestion on the I-15 corridor. The Partnership developed a set of strategies which were implemented over several phases.

Jane Clough-Riquelme, Senior Regional Planner, and Kevin Viera, Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), reviewed the accomplishments of the Partnership, provided an update on the Riverside business portal, and requested the Borders Committee appoint three members to participate at the next I-15 IRP Joint Meeting to be held in spring 2012.

Jo Marie Diamond, President and CEO, Connectory.com, provided additional comments regarding the accomplishment of the Partnership on this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Renison, and a second by Councilmember Gallo, the Borders Committee appointed the following three members to participate at the next I-15 IRP Joint Meeting to be held in spring 2012: Councilmember Gallo, Councilmember Gary Felien (North County Coastal), and Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego).

6. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2011 BINATIONAL SEMINAR "ENHANCING TRANSIT AND NON-MOTORIZED MOBILITY ON THE BORDER" (RECOMMEND)

Chair Paul Ganster, Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities, presented highlights from the 2011 Binational Seminar and recommendations from the Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO) on next steps. COBRO recommends that the Borders Committee forward the 2011 Binational Seminar recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember David Alvarez (City of San Diego), and a second by Deputy Mayor Ramirez, the Borders Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the 2011 Binational Seminar recommendations.

7. U.S.-MEXICO BORDER CROSSINGS AT SAN YSIDRO: SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS FOR THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSERS AND SAN DIEGO COMMUNITIES (INFORMATION)

Dr. Jenny Quintana, San Diego State University, briefed the Committee on findings of the study that addressed environmental and social impacts of the international border crossing on the community of San Ysidro.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

8. SAN YSIDRO PORT OF ENTRY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING REPORT (INFORMATION)

Cindy Gompper-Graves, South County Economic Development Council, presented the findings of a survey held at the busiest land port of entry (POE) in the United States. The goal of the survey was to increase understanding of the purposes for which people cross at the San Ysidro POE, solicit input on the functionality of the border crossing, and communicate ways to reduce wait times as it relates to pedestrian crossers at the San Ysidro POE.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 28, 2011, at 12:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 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	Yes	
	City of Coronado	Mike Woiwode	Alternate		No
North County Coastal	City of Oceanside	Gary Felien	Member	Yes	
	City of Carlsbad	Farrah Douglas	Alternate		No
North County Inland	City of Escondido	Ed Gallo	Member	Yes	
	City of Poway	Jim Cunningham	Alternate		No
East County	City of Santee	John Minto (Chair)	Member	Yes	
	City of La Mesa	Ruth Sterling	Alternate	Yes	
City of San Diego	----	David Alvarez	Member	Yes	
	----	Sherri Lightner	Alternate		No
County of San Diego	----	Greg Cox (Vice Chair)	Member	Yes	
	----	Pam Slater-Price	Alternate	Yes	
Imperial County	Imperial County	John Renison	Member	Yes	
		VACANT	Alternate		
COBRO	----	Dr. Paul Ganster	Member	Yes	
	----	Cindy Gompfer-Graves	Alternate	Yes	
	----		Alternate		
County of Riverside	City of Lake Elsinore	Brian Tisdale	Member	Yes	
	City of Temecula	Chuck Washington	Alternate		No

Republic of Mexico	Consul General of Mexico	Remedios Gomez-Arnau	Member	Yes	
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Fernando Vargas	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate		No
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Alberto Diaz	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate	Yes	
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Mesa Grande	Mark Romero	Member		No
	Campo	Monique LaChappa	Alternate	Yes	
Caltrans		Laurie Berman	Member	Yes	
		Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes	
San Diego County Water Authority		Howard Williams	Member	Yes	
		Elsa Saxod	Alternate		No
SCAG		Rich Macias	Member		No
		Mathew Gleason	Alternate	Yes	
County of Orange	City of San Clemente	Jim Dahl	Member		No
	County of Orange	Bill Campbell	Alternate		No