

San Diego Association of Governments

BORDERS COMMITTEE

November 18, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2011

The Borders Committee was called to order by Chair John Minto (East County) at 12:38 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 Coastal) and a second by Councilmember Mike Woiwode (South County), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the September 23, 2011, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Action: There were no comments/communications/member comments.

CONSENT (3 and 4)

3. 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 highlighted the first permit issued to a Mexican long-haul trucking company under the new crossborder trucking program.

4. UPDATE ON THE SOUTH AND EAST SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (INFORMATION)

In October 2008, the South County Economic Development Council (South County EDC) received a grant to create a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which is required to qualify for the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) assistance for public works and planning efforts, and is a prerequisite for being designated by EDA as an economic development district. On September 20, 2011, the South County EDC received the letter of approval from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Council. This report provided the Borders Committee with an update on the CEDS.

Action: Upon a motion by Gary Felien (North County Coastal), and a second by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland), the Borders Committee accepted Consent Items 3 and 4.

REPORTS (5 through 7)

5. UPDATE FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIBAL CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (INFORMATION)

Chairman Mark Romero, representative of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) on the Borders Committee, briefed the members on issues and activities affecting tribal nations in the region and the state. Chairman Romero further announced the special celebration on Saturday, November 5, 2011, for Eugene M. Morelli (Mackie) who will return home to rest after 61 years. Mackie died as a prisoner of war on April 1951 during the Korean War and military services will be held graveside at the Bloomdale Cemetery at 10:00 a.m., with lunch for follow at the Mesa Grande Tribal Hall/Fire Station.

Chairman Mark Romero introduced this item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

6. STATE ROUTE 11/OTAY MESA EST PORT OF ENTRY PROJECT UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Staff provided a progress report on the State Route 11 (SR 11) and Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project, including updates on the traffic and revenue study, and the Intelligent Transportation System deployment study.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

7. DRAFT BORDER 2020: UNITED STATES – MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM (INFORMATION)

Tomas Torres, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, briefed the Committee on the Draft Border 2020: United States – Mexico Environmental Program (Border 2020 Program) that is the latest cooperative initiative implemented under the 1983 La Paz Agreement and builds on previous binational efforts, particularly the Border 2012 Program. The Border 2020 Program is an eight-year (2013-2020) binational effort designed to protect the environment and public health in the U.S.-Mexico Border region, consistent with the principles of sustainable development. The Border 2020 Program was released for public comment on September 19, 2011. The public comment period ends November 30, 2011.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2011, at 12:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 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		No
	City of Coronado	Mike Woiwode	Alternate	Yes	
North County Coastal	City of Oceanside	Gary Felien	Member	Yes	
	City of Carlsbad	Farrah Douglas	Alternate	Yes	
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		No
		VACANT	Alternate	---	---
COBRO	----	Dr. Paul Ganster	Member	No	
	----	Cindy Gompper- Graves	Alternate	No	
	----	Vacant	Alternate	---	---
County of Riverside	City of Lake Elsinore	Brian Tisdale	Member	Yes	
		Vacant	Alternate	---	---
Republic of Mexico	Consul General of Mexico	Remedios Gomez-Arnau	Member	Yes	
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Fernando Vargas	Alternate		No
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Mesa Grande	Mark Romero	Member	Yes	
	Campo	Monique LaChappa	Alternate		No

Caltrans		Laurie Berman	Member	Yes	
		Bill Figge	Alternate		No
San Diego County Water Authority		Howard Williams	Member		No
		Elsa Saxod	Alternate		No
SCAG		Rich Macias	Member		No
		Mathew Gleason	Alternate		No
County of Orange	City of San Clemente	Jim Dahl	Member	Yes	
	County of Orange	Bill Campbell	Alternate		No