

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE BORDERS AND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEES

January 17, 2003

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1B**

ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE

BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 20, 2002

The regularly scheduled meeting of the San Diego Association of Governments Borders Committee was called to order by Chair Crystal Crawford (North County Coastal). Other members in attendance were Patricia McCoy (South County), Hal Martin (North County Inland) and Ralph Inzunza (City of San Diego); and alternates Judy Ritter (North County Inland) and Phil Monroe (South County). Ex-Officio members in attendance were Gene Pound (Caltrans), Francisco Anza (Mexico), Larry Grogan (Imperial County), Tom Buckley (Riverside County), and COBRO Chair Elsa Saxod.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Crystal Crawford welcomed the Committee members and guests to the meeting, and asked for self introductions.

2. MEETING SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 15, 2002

The Borders Committee approved the November 15, 2002 Borders Committee summary with one change: Item #8 should read "The San Diego Alliance for Border Efficiency".

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS (4 and 5)

4. COMMITTEE ON BINATIONAL REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (INFORMATION)

COBRO Chair Elsa Saxod presented the summary of the December 3, 2002 COBRO meeting in Tijuana, which was well-attended.

5. STAFF REPORT (APPROVE)

The Borders Committee approved the meeting calendar for 2003, changing the meeting time to start the meetings at 12:30 p.m. instead of 12:00 noon. This will accommodate the Transportation Committee Meeting time, also held the third Friday of the month which ends at 12:00 noon.

REPORTS

6. CHAIR AND MEMBERS REPORTS (INFORMATION)

Larry Grogan (County of Imperial) reported on the status of water issues in Imperial County, indicating that (1) there is still no agreement, (2) Imperial County could face many liability issues in regards to the Salton Sea, and (3) water going to the Salton Sea is not seen as a "Reasonable and Beneficial Use" to the Federal Government. Mr. Grogan also announced that the new Borders Committee representative for the County of Imperial will be Imperial County District 1 Supervisor Victor Carrillo.

Tom Buckley (County of Riverside) mentioned that in Riverside there is a sense that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will try to shift as much of the burden of the Colorado river water cuts to San Diego. He also reported that Measure A was passed in the November, 2002 elections (Measure A is a half-cent sales tax program that invests funding in a wide variety of transportation projects and services throughout Riverside County).

7. BORDERS VISIONING PROCESS (DISCUSSION/APPROVE)

Chair Crystal Crawford presented the three core value statements to be recommended for inclusion in the Regional Comprehensive Plan for discussion and approval:

- Our region will pursue integrated planning and maintain active and positive communication with our neighboring counties and the Republic of Mexico;
- Our region will promote shared infrastructure, a seamless transportation system, integrated environmental management and economic development with our neighboring counties and the Republic of Mexico; and
- Our region is a unique and dynamic place to live, which embraces cultural diversity, promotes interregional understanding, and benefits from our varied history and experience.

After discussing the above recommended core values, it was determined that a phrase be added about ensuring equity and fairness in planning with neighbors.

Carolina Gregor, SANDAG Staff, reported on the items to be considered at the joint meeting between the Borders Committee and the Regional Planning Committee next month and on the upcoming Roundtable Meetings on the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RPC).

Action: The Borders Committee approved the three core value statements with the one aforementioned modification to be recommended for inclusion in the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

8. CROSS BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (INFORMATION)

Mr. Ricardo Martinez, CalEPA, could not be available at this meeting, and will reschedule for a subsequent meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING TOPICS, DATE, AND LOCATION (INFORMATION/APPROVE)

The next meeting of the Borders Committee will be held on Friday, January 17, 2003 at 12:00 noon in SANDAG's Board Room. This will be a joint meeting with the Regional Planning Committee.

Action: The Borders Committee approved the next meeting date of Friday, January 17, 2003.