



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 28, 2003**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 03-02- 1
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 24, 2003

Chairman Morrison called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 9:11 a.m.
Attendance was as follows:

Voting Members

- City of CarlsbadRamona Finnila, Mayor Pro Tem
- City of Chula Vista Steve Padilla, Mayor
- City of Coronado Phil Monroe, Mayor Pro Tem
- City of Del Mar Richard Earnest, Deputy Mayor
- City of El CajonMark Lewis, Councilmember
- City of Encinitas..... Christy Guerin, Councilmember
- City of Escondido..... Lori Holt Pfeiler, Mayor
- City of Imperial Beach..... Patricia McCoy, Councilmember
- City of La Mesa Art Madrid, Mayor
- City of Lemon GroveJerry Jones, Councilmember
- City of National City..... Ron Morrison, Councilmember
- City of OceansideJack Feller, Councilmember
- City of Poway.....Mickey Cafagna, Mayor
- City of San Diego (A)..... Dick Murphy, Mayor
- City of San Diego (B)Absent
- City of San Marcos..... Corky Smith, Mayor
- City of Santee Hal Ryan, Councilmember
- City of Solana BeachJoe Kellejian, Councilmember
- City of Vista.....Judy Ritter, Councilmember
- County of San Diego Greg Cox, Supervisor

Advisory Liaison Members

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| County of Imperial | Absent |
| Department of Transportation | Pedro Orso-Delgado, District Director |
| U.S. Department of Defense | CAPT Christopher Schanze, Commanding Officer |
| Mexico | Francisco Anza, Deputy Consul General |
| San Diego Unified Port District | Jess Van Deventer, Commissioner |
| San Diego County Water Authority | Hon. Bud Lewis, Director |
| Metropolitan Transit Development Board | Leon Williams, Chair |
| North San Diego County Transit
Development Board | Hon. Tom Golich, Board Member |

Chair Morrison introduced new SANDAG Board member Mayor Corky Smith who is the primary representative for the City of San Marcos. He noted that Councilmember Patricia McCoy is now the primary representative for the City of Imperial Beach and welcomed back Deputy Mayor Richard Earnest, representing the City of Del Mar. Chair Morrison reminded the Board that there is a new voting system which will be used to record the Board member's votes.

1. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS (APPROVE)

A. DECEMBER 20, 2002

Action: Poway – Imperial Beach. The motion was made, and second, to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of December 20, 2002. Yes – 13 (weighted vote - 71%). No – 0 (weighted vote – 0%). Absent – 3 (Lemon Grove, San Diego-B, Vista). Abstain – 4 (Chula Vista, El Cajon, San Marcos, County of San Diego).

B. JANUARY 10, 2003

Action: Poway - Escondido. The motion was made, and second, to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of January 10, 2003. Yes - 14 (weighted vote - 93%). No - 0 (weighted vote - 0%). Absent – 3 (Lemon Grove, San Diego-B, Vista). Abstain – 3 (Carlsbad, San Marcos, Santee).

2. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS (3 through 6)

3. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS FROM POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (APPROVE)

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (January 10, 2003)

B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING (January 17, 2003)

C. JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING AND BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
(January 17, 2003)

D. BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING (December 20, 2002)

4. PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (INFORMATION)

5. FY 2004 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP) – DRAFT LIST OF PROPOSED WORK ELEMENTS (INFORMATION)

6. ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY UPDATE (Resolution 2003-21) (APPROVE)

Action: Poway – Imperial Beach. The motion was made, and second, to approve Consent Items 3 through 6. Yes - 17 (no weighted vote). No - 0 (no weighted vote). Absent - 3 (Lemon Grove, San Diego-B, Vista).

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Clive Richard, a San Diego resident, encouraged the Board to have the courage and strength to say in closed session, at the retreat, what it cannot say in public. *Chairman Morrison pointed out that the retreat is open to the public.*

Mayor Smith (San Marcos) asked Mr. Richard for clarification on his points. *Mr. Richard commented that he does not understand why the Board cannot speak candidly in an open forum without having to go to the desert.*

Chuck Lungerhausen, a resident of San Diego, requested sponsors for the Multiple Sclerosis Walk that he'll be participating in the weekend of April 4-5, 2003.

CHAIR REPORTS

8. SOLICITING INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE SOURCEPOINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (INFORMATION)

SourcePoint is a nonprofit corporation created by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for the purpose of providing regional information services and technical assistance to public and private organizations and individuals. The SourcePoint Board has five members; three members from the SANDAG Board, a member from the public at large and one member appointed by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. SANDAG members are appointed by the Chairman, approved by the Board and serve three-year terms. The public at large member is appointed by the Chairman; the Chamber of Commerce appoints their member and each serve a two-year term.

Chair Morrison noted that there is a vacancy on the SourcePoint Board of Directors. He suggested that any interested Board members contact him prior to next month's meeting. The SANDAG appointments to the SourcePoint Board will be made at the February 28, 2003 meeting.

9. REPORT FROM THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON TRANSITION (INFORMATION)

Chairman Morrison briefed the Board on the last meeting from the Ad Hoc Working Group on Transition held on January 21, 2003. Along with that meeting, a Peer Review Panel was held to discuss staffing and policy issues, and ideas and concepts for transitioning to the new regional agency.

Mayor Bud Lewis (San Diego County Water Authority) asked if SANDAG is responsible for approving the budgets of SANDAG, MTDB and NCTD. *Staff responded that SANDAG will*

work closely with both transit Boards to determine all parties needs. SANDAG holds the ultimate responsibility for the budgets, however, review of the budgets will have to be done in close consultation with the operators.

Mayor Smith (San Marcos) requested clarification on the mission of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Transition.

Chair Morrison explained that the purpose of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Transition is to provide policy guidance on the development and implementation of the transition plans for the consolidated agency. *Mayor Smith requested minutes from all past meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Transition.*

10. INITIAL TRANSITION PLAN: CONSOLIDATED AGENCY (ACCEPT FOR DISTRIBUTION)

Staff pointed out that at the last meeting, the Board was provided with an overview of SB 1703, and a transition plan was discussed. Based on direction from the Ad Hoc Working Group on Transition, It is staff's recommendation to distribute the initial transition plan for review and comment. The Transition Plan will be presented to the Board for approval at its February meeting, after a 30-day review period.

Councilmember McCoy (Imperial Beach) made the motion to approve the staff recommendation.

Vice Chair Cafagna (Poway) seconded the motion.

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) requested that a glossary be included with this document to assist those that are not familiar with the subject.

Action: Imperial Beach – Poway. The motion was made and seconded to accept the Draft Transition Plan – Initial Transfer, for distribution and comment. Yes – 17 (weighted vote - 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote - 0%). Absent – 3 (Lemon Grove, San Diego-B, Vista).

11. 2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS (APPROVE)

Councilmember Kellejian, Chair of SANDAG's Transportation Committee, stated that the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), MOBILITY 2030, has been out for public review since October 2002. Three public workshops were held before the end of the year, and the Board held a public hearing on the Plan on December 6, 2002. There are several modifications proposed to the Plan in response to comments received and further technical analysis by staff. Based on the Board's actions today, a Draft Final 2030 RTP will be presented at the February 28, 2003 meeting. The Final 2030 RTP is scheduled for Board adoption at its March 28, 2003 meeting. The Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) also is scheduled to be approved at the March meeting. The Transportation Committee voted last Friday to recommend that the Board approve the recommended modifications to MOBILITY 2030.

Staff highlighted the proposed modifications to the 2030 RTP, including changes to RTP funding assumptions.

Councilmember Kellejian (Solana Beach) noted that the Plan could be reviewed and/or amended as time goes on, and is required to be updated every three years. *Staff pointed out that shortly after an RTP is adopted, work begins on the next RTP update in order to meet the three-year requirement.*

Councilmember Kellejian asked staff to explain the rationale why the SR 76 widening from Mission to I-15 was not included in the 2030 RTP Revenue Constrained Plan. He asked what the impact would be on the current environmental document being prepared for SR 76, if this additional segment were included in the Plan. *Staff responded that the issue is that Caltrans is well on the way in completing the environmental document for the SR 76 widening project from Melrose to Mission. If the piece from Mission to I-15 were added into the Plan, the resource agencies would require that the environmental document consider the entire project. The Mission to I-15 segment faces tough environmental constraints, and the resource agencies have questioned the need for this segment. Adding this segment in the Plan would likely delay the current environmental document by several years.*

Councilmember Kellejian stated that the full SR 76 project is very important to the North County cities and staff needs to understand that they need to be diligent in moving forward with trying to complete this project. He added that the elected officials have an obligation to the voters that voted for Proposition A in 1987 – this is one of the remaining pieces of that obligation. *Staff indicated that they are committed to both this project and SR 52.*

Public Comment

Jimmy Knott, representing San Diego ADADT, a disabled activist/advocate group, stated that if the 2030 RTP is to work and have any validity, all of the local jurisdictions have to remove obstacles to mobility. Mr. Knott presented the Board with pictures highlighting areas in Carlsbad in which pedestrian access has been blocked.

Lynn Gardener, an Oceanside resident and Co-Chairman of the Oceanside Transportation Commission, asked the Board to think strongly about how the residents in Oceanside are affected in areas where the City of Carlsbad has put in barricades shutting off access to major arterials.

Joe Naiman, a reporter for the Fallbrook/Bonsall Village News, mentioned that he will write a story about the 2030 RTP. He noted that he has covered the Riverside Transit Agency's public hearings about the upcoming Oceanside to Murrieta express bus service. He urged the Board to include this project in the RTP, since it would help benefit the San Diego regional transportation system.

Councilmember Feller (Oceanside) stated that the completion of SR 76 impacts all of the North County Cities, including Escondido, San Marcos, Oceanside, Vista, and unincorporated areas like Bonsall and Fallbrook.

Mayor Murphy (City of San Diego) made the motion to approve the staff recommendation for discussion. In addition, Mayor Murphy asked staff to explain why the widening of I-

15, from I-5 to SR 94, was recommended for deletion from the Reasonably Expected Revenue scenario. *Staff responded that in addition to eliminating the proposed I-15/I-805 HOV to HOV connectors (\$150 million) as discussed by the Transportation Committee, staff was recommending deletion of this I-15 widening project (\$40 million) in order to afford the slightly higher cost of the I-5 to I-8 freeway to freeway connectors (\$200 million). Staff stated that I-15 from I-5 to SR 94 works at acceptable levels of service as a six-lane freeway without the originally proposed widening.*

Mayor Smith (San Marcos) seconded the motion and asked how soon the environmental document for SR 76 would be completed. *Mr. Orso-Delgado (Caltrans) responded that biological studies are currently being conducted. The time frame for completion of the environmental document is three to five years.*

Mayor Smith asked when the I-15 bus route from Escondido to Temecula would be completed. *Staff mentioned that the time frame for completion of that project is approximately 5 to 10 years.*

Mayor Smith asked if the Board can do anything about the road that is being blocked in Carlsbad. *Staff suggested that the Board consider exercising the conflict resolution procedure regarding this issue. He added that staff could do fact finding on this issue. Additionally, staff has been working with all the North County cities to look at improving all the arterial system in North County.*

Mayor Smith indicated he would like to make a motion to study this issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnilla indicated that she is prepared to state Carlsbad's position on this issue, noting that this issue has been discussed with the staffs of Oceanside, Vista, and San Marcos. She pointed out that the City of Carlsbad is currently operating under a growth management plan, and the rules are different in Carlsbad than in those cities that do not have growth management plans.

Mayor Lewis (SDCWA) asked about the conceptual proposal made by Supervisor Horn for an additional North-South connector. *Staff stated that the new North-South Facility Study would commence after the adoption of the 2030 RTP and would be completed prior to the next RTP update.*

Mayor Lewis (SDCWA) added that Carlsbad is a regional player and suggested that the Board consider the impacts on Carlsbad in regards to SR 78.

Councilmember Kellejian mentioned that the new North-South transportation corridor study is included in SANDAG's current work program. He noted that any recommendations resulting from the study could be added in the RTP at a later date. This study is intended to evaluate transportation corridors and may not necessarily mean a new road, highway, or freeway. He mentioned that rather than hearing about Carlsbad's growth management plan today, he asked that staff evaluate this issue and bring back recommendation to the Transportation Committee and then the Board at a later date.

Mayor Johnson (Oceanside) stated that he appreciated all the comments from his colleagues regarding this issue. However, he expressed concern that public roads are

being built and completed with tax dollars, but are not being open for public use. He noted that the residents on both sides of the barricades would like them to be removed. He hoped that a resolution to this issue be sought soon.

Supervisor Cox (County of San Diego) indicated that it was Supervisor Horn who originally suggested that the County Board of Supervisors recommend including the entire widening for SR 76 from Melrose to I-15 in the 2030 RTP Revenue Constrained Plan. He commented that while he understands the reasons for not including the Mission to I-15 segment, the Board needs to do what it can to complete the entire project in a timely fashion. He also noted that Supervisor Horn suggested that a concept plan for the San Diego Luis Rey River Park be developed and used as potential environmental mitigation for SR 76 improvements. He commended Supervisor Horn for tying these two projects together and highlighting them.

Deputy Mayor Earnest (Del Mar) supported Solana Beach's recommendation that staff investigate the facts first and report back to the Board. He stated that if an acceptable solution can not be identified at that level, then the Board should go through the conflict resolution process. The goal is to resolve this issue in a fair, regional way.

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) suggested that the Board immediately go to the conflict resolution step instead of going through the initial fact finding step. He asked what would happen if, as a result of the conflict resolution process, a decision is rendered and some cities do want to honor that decision. *General Counsel responded that the Board does not render decisions on issues that are brought forth under the conflict resolution procedure. Fact finding and conflict resolution can occur separately or simultaneously and any member agency can request the implementation of the conflict resolution procedure for an item such as this. However, all parties would then need to agree to involve themselves in the process, which is similar to mediation wherein all parties need to be at the table, come together and resolve the issue jointly, with the help of SANDAG. The SANDAG Board would be a resource to the parties involved. This is a confidential process whereby mediation also has been involved. The process has been successful in the past.*

Councilmember Guerin (Encinitas) stated that this issue is beyond the fact finding stage, and conflict resolution should be implemented. She added that she is interested in hearing the City of Vista's point of view on this issue, because Vista is being impacted in addition to the City of Oceanside.

Vice Chairman Cafagna mentioned that it is important to respect the local control of all cities, and indicated that it is important to hear what Carlsbad's reasons are for what it is doing. This is an issue that needs to be brought to a head, and the Board needs to hear Carlsbad's position on this issue.

Mayor Smith recommended that the Board take action on this issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila briefly pointed out three things: (1) the part of College Boulevard that has been referred to is scheduled to open in 18 months; (2) there is pedestrian access around the barricade; and (3) Carlsbad's issues with the City of Vista are being handled though their City Managers.

Mayor Padilla (Chula Vista) reminded the Board that it has been the focus of criticism regarding its ability to focus on the appropriate agenda. He respectfully urged the Chair to direct the conversation at hand to the agenda item itself. He encouraged the North County cities to take maximum use of the conflict resolution resources available to them through SANDAG.

Councilmember Feller stated that it is very important and urged all cities to direct their City Managers to make contact regarding this issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe (Coronado) sensed a growing concern and issue around the completion of SR 76. He mentioned that there are other areas throughout the region that also need to be completed.

Chair Morrison called for the question.

Action: City of San Diego – San Marcos. The motion was made, and second, to approve the proposed modifications to the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), MOBILITY 2030, presented in the staff report. The changes will be incorporated into the Draft Final 2030 RTP for Board review in February 2003 and the Final 2030 RTP scheduled for Board approval in March 2003. Yes - 18 (weighted vote - 100%). No - 0 (weighted vote - 0%). Absent – 2 (Encinitas, San Diego-B).

Action: San Marcos – Oceanside. The motion was made and seconded to initiate the conflict resolution procedure, to include fact finding to be brought back to the Board. The Cities of Carlsbad and Oceanside will be contacted to ensure that they both are willing to move forward with the process. Yes - 18 (weighted vote - 100%). No - 0 (weighted vote - 0%). Absent – 2 (La Mesa, San Diego-B).

Chair Morrison noted that Item #13 – Amendment to the TransNet Program of Projects and the Introduction of Ordinance CO-03-1 Amending Ordinance CO-87-1 (San Diego Transportation Improvement Program Ordinance And Expenditure Plan) to Provide TransNet Funding for MTDB North I-15 Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Capital Projects, will be moved up on the agenda.

13. AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSNET PROGRAM OF PROJECTS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE CO-03-1 AMENDING ORDINANCE CO-87-1 (SAN DIEGO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ORDINANCE AND EXPENDITURE PLAN) TO PROVIDE TRANSNET FUNDING FOR MTDB NORTH I-15 CORRIDOR BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) CAPITAL PROJECTS (Resolution 2003-22) (APPROVE)

Tom Larwin, General Manager of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB), provided the Board with an overview of the North I-15 Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Project, which includes the proposed Sabre Springs/Rancho Pensacitos Station acquisition.

Councilmember Guerin (Encinitas) asked if monies for this project would come out MTDB's share of *TransNet* funding, and if there are no TCRP funds available to reimburse the *TransNet* program in the future, what would the impact be to other projects assumed to be funded by the *TransNet* monies. *Mr. Larwin commented that the TransNet funding would come from MTDB's portion of the 1/3 of the total TransNet funds available for*

transit projects. Currently, there are no specific projects that would be postponed because the MTDB Board is exploring options for how best to use their future remaining TransNet funds. MTDB's plans call for the implementation of new service with the Transit First projects. Some of those projects may have to be scaled back if the TCRP funds are not received.

Supervisor Cox (County of San Diego) made the motion to approve the staff recommendation.

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila (Carlsbad) asked if MTDB has had conversations with the property owners of the proposed hotel. *Mr. Larwin replied that MTDB has been in negotiations with the property owner.*

Vice Chair Cafagna commented that he has spoken with the property owner and indicated that the property owner is willing to cooperate with the Board. He implored the Board to vote for this issue because the region cannot afford to lose this parcel of land. This is a critical link to the project.

Chairman Morrison clarified that the motion that was made included the reading of the Ordinance to be introduced by title only.

Mayor Murphy (City of San Diego) agreed with Mayor Cafagna that the Sabre Springs transit station is a significant part of the Regional Transit Vision, and is the first real bus rapid transit project. This project is needed to tie into the I-15 Managed Lanes for the entire system to work. Mayor Murphy clarified that the \$5.5 million comes from MTDB funding, but that MTDB can only spend 20% of its funding on non-rail projects. Therefore, every time funds need to be spent on a non-rail project, there needs to be a two-thirds vote from the Board.

Chairman Morrison pointed out that for today's vote on the introduction of the Ordinance, only a majority vote is required. When this issue is brought back before the Board, it would require a two-thirds vote for approval.

Mayor Murphy asked for clarification regarding the deadline for acquiring the property and the requirement for the second reading. *Staff responded that the recommendation has two aspects to it. The first is a resolution relating to the loan of TransNet funds, which would allow SANDAG to transfer the TransNet funding to MTDB in time to meet the deadline for the property acquisition. This transfer would be made under the assumption that the TCRP funds would be received so that the loan could be repaid. The second part is the proposed Ordinance Amendment which would allow for the permanent use of TransNet funds for this purpose in the event the TCRP funds are not received.*

Deputy Mayor Earnest (Del Mar) requested to hear from the property owner on this issue to understand their ability to be in agreement with and flexible, in case the second reading date falls outside of the escrow date. *Mark Byrnes, 50% owner of the parcel, along with Phelps Program Management, stated that they are prepared to be flexible on*

this issue, if need be. Hopefully, escrow on the property will close shortly after the second reading.

Councilmember Ritter (Vista) mentioned that the HOV Lanes and transit stations are the basis of the region's north-south mass transit. She encouraged the Board to vote in favor of this issue.

Supervisor Cox (County of San Diego) asked if, under the new voting process, the two-thirds vote be based on the agency vote or the weighted vote. *General Counsel replied that the vote would be based on two-thirds of both the agency and weighted vote.*

General Counsel read the ordinance for introduction only. The ordinance states, "That Section 4B(2)(a) of Commission Ordinance 87-1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- a. Not less than eighty percent shall be used to implement the rail capital facilities and the bus capital facilities required to support the express bus services in the I-15 corridor, as identified in the Expenditure Plan. However, in no case, shall the use of revenues under this section preclude the use of the revenues necessary to implement Section 4B(2)(b)."

Action: County of San Diego – La Mesa. The motion was made, and second, to approve the Transportation Committee's recommendation to approve Resolution 2003-22 amending the *TransNet* Program of Projects to allow the use of *TransNet* funds for the Metropolitan Transit Development Board's Sabre Springs transit station project until the intended reimbursement of Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds takes place. The Board also voted to approve that Ordinance CO-03-1 be introduced, and scheduled for adoption at the February meeting, amending Section 4B(2)(a) of the San Diego Transportation Improvement Program Ordinance and Expenditure Plan to expand the use of the 80% rail capital funds to include MTDB's North I-15 Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) capital facilities, such as the Sabre Springs transit station project, in the event the intended repayment with TCRP funds does not occur. Yes - 19 (weighted vote - 100%). No - 0 (weighted vote - 0%). Absent – 1 (San Diego-B).

12. 2002 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Councilmember Kellejian, Chair of SANDAG's Transportation Committee, reported that SANDAG is required by law to prepare and regularly update a Congestion Management Program (CMP). The purpose of the CMP is to monitor SANDAG's transportation system's performance, identify new congestion management strategies, and coordinate land use and transportation decisions. The Draft 2002 update to the CMP was released in August of last year and a public hearing was held at the September 2002 Board meeting. On January 17, 2003, the Transportation Committee reviewed the revised 2002 CMP update and recommended adoption.

Public Comment

Matt Adams, Director of Government Affairs for the Building Industry Association (BIA), thanked the SANDAG Board and staff for working with the BIA in addressing their concerns with the CMP. He added that the BIA looks forward to

continuing to work with SANDAG staff to develop a program that is fair and equitable to everyone.

Action: Carlsbad – Poway. The motion was made, and second, to approve the Transportation Committee's recommendation to adopt the 2002 CMP Update, as revised. Yes - 19 (weighted vote - 100%). No - 0 (weighted vote - 0%). Absent – 1 (San Diego-B).

14. PROGRESS REPORT ON REGIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Chair Morrison announced that the San Diego Regional Energy Office (SDREO) and the Regional Energy Policy Advisory Council (REPAC) have been working hard over the past couple months in developing a draft of a Regional Energy Strategy for review. He pointed out that the four SANDAG appointees to the REPAC included Mayor Morris Vance (Vista), Mayor Jerome Stocks (Encinitas), Councilmember Mary Salas (Chula Vista), and Councilmember Jerry Jones (Lemon Grove). In addition, County Supervisor Dianne Jacob and San Diego City Councilmember Michael Zuchet have both been appointed to the REPAC.

John Moot, Chair of the REPAC, noted that the REPAC appeared before the Board in July 2002 to review what the region's vision is for its energy future; what were the most critical energy problems facing the region; and what energy projects and programs are needed. The REPAC also had an opportunity to lay out a forward looking forecast of the region's energy needs, which looks out 30 years.

Irene Stillings, Executive Director of the SDREO, presented the Board with a PowerPoint presentation which laid out the key strategy and elements that the REPAC has been looking at, which included the potential organizational structures that could help meet the region's energy needs. She highlighted the critical energy issues that the REPAC has identified and discussed next steps and plans for outreach. Ms. Stillings noted that the SDREO is continuing to solicit discussion and input from key stakeholders, which includes business, government, environmental and health agencies, and a draft Energy Plan will be presented to the REPAC for discussion at its March 6, 2003 meeting. More outreach to stakeholders will take place and a revised draft of the Plan will be presented to the REPAC on April 3, 2003 and a completed Regional Energy Strategy and Implementation Plan will be presented to the SANDAG Board at its April 2003 meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila (Carlsbad) asked if the draft will include an estimate of the fiscal impacts on options B and C presented in the Board report? *Ms. Stillings responded yes.*

Councilmember Kellejian (Solana Beach) needed clarification on the process of forming a JPA, the development of an annual budget and the process for the allocation of the budget between the cities. *Mr. Moot stated that first the draft of the strategy would be presented to the Board and if the Board accepted the REPAC's recommendation, the details would then be prepared.*

Councilmember Kellejian inquired if the financial information can be made available prior to Board making a decision. *Mr. Moot replied that hopefully, rough numbers will be included as part of the draft Regional Energy Strategy.*

Councilmember Kellejian requested that those numbers be provided to the Board prior to April 2003 meeting and pointed out that it is hard to approve something without knowing the cost. He added that the Solana Beach City Council would need, at a minimum, a ballpark figure in order to consider the request.

Councilmember Guerin (Encinitas) pointed out that SDG&E, a publicly held corporation, has been charged by the CPUC to develop a 30-year plan and to evaluate the needs of the area agencies. She expressed concern that SDG&E should be at the table regarding this issue and questioned if there has been any coordination with SDG&E on this issue. *Ms. Stillings noted that regarding coordination, the SDREO is working very closely with SDG&E to assist them and provide input in their 20-year plan. Mr. Moot added that the REPAC has identified advisory members, of which SDG&E is one. He added that the SDG&E representative is an active, productive member of the group, having attended all of the REPAC meetings and is called upon regularly for input.*

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) asked if the REPAC has been able to project the demand that new homes and new infrastructure needs will add. *Mr. Moot stated that the Infrastructure Study speaks to that issue.*

Mayor Madrid asked if the energy provider can be supplanted for five years down the road if the Board chooses to adopt this proposal. He asked if there is any way that each jurisdiction can take a stand alone position without incurring huge costs that could jeopardize their general fund budgets. *Mr. Moot stated that the most controversial discussion amongst the group is how does the current energy utility fit into this structure. The REPAC has never taken a vote and moves forward simply on consensus. But this is an issue that is very controversial.*

Mayor Murphy (City of San Diego) suggested creating a San Diego Regional Energy Authority, with geographical representation similar to the San Diego Regional Airport Authority. He added that SANDAG should not take this function on, its plate is too full. *Ms. Stillings stated that Mayor Murphy's proposal will be presented to the REPAC, will be discussed and may very well be a part of what is presented to the SANDAG Board in April.*

Public Comment

Mitch Mitchell, representing the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, indicated that this is a very complex regional issue. The most important issue for this region and the business community is that we create a road map, a plan, that we know where we're going to be 5-10 years from now. That's what needs to be done to settle concerns. Forming a JPA is a scary situation for the business community. Mayor Murphy's proposal is one that the Chamber is willing to look at. However, the \$1 surcharge needs to be investigated.

Ken Smokaska, Chapter Vice Chair and Air Quality Committee Chair of the Sierra Club San Diego, agreed that energy efficiency and renewable resources are an important element of the Regional Energy Plan and are supported by the Sierra Club. Also, he introduced to the Board a, "San Diego Go Solar," campaign that the Sierra Club has recently adopted. He suggested that the Board give

authorization to staff to initiate a feasibility study with a budget not to exceed \$50,000.

Mayor Lewis (El Cajon) expressed concerned regarding the costs of the proposed energy JPA.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe (Coronado) pointed out that former Port Commissioner Frank Urtasun is available to answer any questions the Board may have regarding this issue: He expressed concerned that SDG&E is not a voting member of REPAC. SDG&E, by law, is required to develop a 20-year plan for the region. SANDAG should be in sync with that in order to move forward.

Councilmember McCoy (Imperial Beach) mentioned that she is looking at the Border Power Plant Working Group. She is under the impression that there will be several LNG plants on the other side of the border. This is an issue that has to be faced so people understand the safety factors.

Councilmember Jones (Lemon Grove) indicated that the JPA idea developed as a funding mechanism in order to finance renewables and generation. Energy can be thought of in two ways: (1) generation and (2) transmission. SDG&E is primarily the source of transmission. He added that he can't think of any other way for the Board, as a region, to take its destiny into its own hands other than forming a JPA. There needs to be a conceptual agreement in order to move forward on this issue.

Chair Morrison reiterated that this is an information item only.

15. TRANSPORTATION MARKETING, PUBLIC OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (INFORMATION)

Last year, SANDAG directed staff to raise the public's awareness of SANDAG by providing public information and outreach for the Regional Transportation Plan, providing public information on the existing *TransNet* program, as well as marketing the RideLink Transportation Demand Management services. Caltrans, MTDB and NCTD have assisted with the outreach efforts. SANDAG hired a local integrated marketing and communications firm, to assist with the creative approach for this public outreach.

Indra Gardner, Principal for Bailey Gardner and Francine Crocker, Senior Vice President of Advertising for Bailey Gardner, provided the Board with a summary of the program and the accomplishments to date.

Public Comment

Robert Hoffman, a San Diego resident, mentioned that every public agency should follow in SANDAG's footsteps in regards to its outreach efforts.

Councilmember Ritter (Vista) mentioned that the Board needs to consider expanding the parking available for the commuters that utilize public transportation.

16. CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mark Baza, Caltrans, announced that the State has completed its Draft California Transportation Plan (CTP), which is the State's equivalent to the San Diego region's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He provided the Board with some background on the CTP, explained the purpose of the CTP, and pointed out why the CTP is important to the state and the region. There will be seven Regional Workshops held throughout the state. The San Diego Workshop is scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Mission Valley, 7450 Hazard Center Drive. Mr. Baza welcomed input on the CTP from the Board.

Vice Chair Cafagna asked if the CTP is being coordinated with the RTP? *Mr. Baza responded that the State is implementing strategies in the CTP that are consistent with the RTP.*

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Mayor Holt Pfeiler (Escondido) reported on the results of the first Regional Comprehensive Plan Subregional Workshop which was held at Escondido City Hall. She encouraged all Board members to attend the RCP workshops.

Chairman Morrison stated that the Board members particularly don't want to miss the workshop coming to their specific areas. He highlighted upcoming SANDAG meetings: (1) the SANDAG Annual Retreat will be held January 29-31, 2003 at the La Casa Del Zorro; (2) Executive Committee and Policy Development Board meetings on Friday, February 14, 2003; and (3) SANDAG Board of Directors meeting on Friday, February 28, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:02 p.m.

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