



BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

OCTOBER 25, 2013

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair John Minto (East County) at 12:37 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor John Renison (Imperial County), and a second by Councilmember Al Ovrom (South County), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the July 26, 2013.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Clive Richards, member of public, spoke on various border crossing concerns.

Chair Minto welcomed Honorable Maria Luisa Sánchez Meza, Chair Border Affairs Commission, City of Tijuana City Council, Mark Baza, Executive Director Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), and Rick Backlund, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Miguel Aguirre, member of public, submitted a one-page handout on the San Ysidro Pedestrian Port(s) of Entry and San Ysidro Intermodal Transportation Center (SYITC) Study.

REPORTS (3 through 8)

3. SUBREGIONAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS (INFORMATION)

Members of the Borders Committee provided subregional reports of activities and events that are of interest to the Committee.

Councilmember Rudy Ramirez (South County) reported on his involvement in several activities, in particular the 6th Annual City of Chula Vista International Friendship games held on Saturday, June 1, 2013, which required binational collaboration. Councilmember Ramirez thanked and recognized Hon. Maria Luisa Sánchez, City of Tijuana, México, for her collaboration and contribution in fostering binational cooperation.

Supervisor Renison reported on the Calexico Port of Entry (POE) project and current traffic delays at this POE from inspections of southbound traffic to Mexicali, Baja California. The new Governor of Baja California, México, will be taking office on Friday, November 1, 2013.

The new Mayors for City of Mexicali and City of Tijuana are both taking office on December 1, 2013.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

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

Chair Minto announced that this report would not be presented.

Luis Ituarte, member of public, spoke on various health concerns caused by pollution in Colonia Federal, in Tijuana, Baja California, México, nearby the San Ysidro–Puerta México Port of Entry.

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

Chairman Mark Romero (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association [SCTCA]) briefed the members on issues and activities affecting tribal nations in the region and the state.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2013 BINATIONAL SEMINAR "MOVING THE BORDER FORWARD: COMPETITIVENESS AND SUSTAINABILITY" (RECOMMEND)

Dave Fege, Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO), presented highlights from the 2013 Binational Seminar, and recommendations from COBRO. He stated that COBRO requested that the Borders Committee recommend approval of the 2013 Binational Seminar Recommendations.

Edgar Castillo, Technical Secretary Borders Affairs Commission, City of Tijuana City Council, read a letter to the Borders Committee from the City of Tijuana México Border Affairs Committee in support of the recommendations from the COBRO.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Renison, and a second by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland), the Borders Committee unanimously recommended that the SANDAG Board approve the 2013 Binational Seminar Recommendations.

7. SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN - DRAFT OUTLINE OF WHITE PAPER ON ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (DISCUSSION)

The purpose of this item was to provide opportunities for the Borders Committee to discuss economic strategies and approaches in San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Comments from various SANDAG working groups, stakeholders, and the public were relayed.

Elisa Arias, Principal Regional Planner, and Jim Miller, Senior Economist, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

8. CHULA VISTA BUSINESS CLUSTER ANALYSIS (INFORMATION)

The Business Cluster Analysis is an extensive review of the best fit business sectors for expanding and attracting businesses and creating clusters of complementary businesses that create quality jobs in the City of Chula Vista.

Michael Meacham and Craig Ruiz, City of Chula Vista, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2013, at 12:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

Meeting Start Time: 12:37 p.m.
 Meeting Adjourned Time: 1:46 p.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
 BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
 OCTOBER 25, 2013
 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
South County	City of Coronado	Al Ovrom	Member	Yes
	City of Chula Vista	Rudy Ramirez	Alternate	Yes
North County Coastal	City of Encinitas	Teresa Barth	Member	Yes
	City of Carlsbad	Lorraine Wood	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
	----	Mark Kersey	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	----	Greg Cox (Vice Chair)	Member	Yes
	----	Dave Roberts	Alternate	No
Imperial County	Imperial County	John Renison	Member	Yes
	City of Calexico	Bill Hodge	Alternate	Yes
COBRO	-----	Dr. Paul Ganster	Member	No
	-----	Vacant	Alternate	---
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County of Riverside	WRCOG – Western Water Board	S.R. Al Lopez	Member	No
	City of Lake Elsinore	Brian Tisdale	Alternate	No
Republic of Mexico	Consul General of México	Remedios Gómez-Arnau	Member	No
	Deputy Consul General of Mexico	Francisco Javier Olavarria	Alternate	No
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Mesa Grande	Mark Romero	Member	Yes
	Jamul	Raymond Hunter Sr.	Alternate	No

Caltrans		Laurie Berman	Member	Yes
		Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority		Farrah Douglas	Member	No
		Elsa Saxod	Alternate	Yes
SCAG		Rich Macias	Member	No
		Mathew Gleason	Alternate	No
		Tomás Oliva	Alternate	Yes
County of Orange	Coast Mesa Sanitary District	Jim Ferryman	Member	No
	County of Orange	Jim Dahl	Alternate	Yes