



**BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS**

**JANUARY 24, 2014**

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.

Chair John Minto (East County) welcomed the Borders Committee and guests and made housekeeping announcements regarding the new process to record the votes.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Ed Gallo (North County Inland), and a second by Councilmember Al Ovrom (South County), the Borders Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the November 15, 2013 meeting. Yes – Vice Mayor John Minto (East County), Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego), Councilmember Ovrom, Councilmember Gallo. No – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – Mayor Teresa Barth (North County Coastal), Councilmember David Alvarez (City of San Diego), Supervisor John Renison (Imperial County).

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT (3)**

3. UPDATE ON VIRGINIA AVENUE INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER (INFORMATION)

This item provided an update on regional efforts to develop an intermodal transit center at Virginia Avenue, as part of the San Ysidro Port of Entry Reconfiguration and Expansion Project, including the recent approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between SANDAG, the U.S. General Services Administration, the City of San Diego, Caltrans, and the Metropolitan Transit System for the design and construction of the Virginia Avenue Intermodal Transit Center.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

4. UPDATE ON THE 2013 BINATIONAL SEMINAR "MOVING THE BORDER FORWARD: COMPETITIVENESS AND SUSTAINABILITY" RECOMMENDATIONS (INFORMATION)

On December 20, 2013, the Board of Directors accepted the recommendations from the 2013 Binational Seminar.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

## **REPORTS (5 through 10)**

5. 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.

Chair Minto announced that no reports were provided.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

6. REPORT FROM THE COUNSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO (INFORMATION)

The Consul General of México in San Diego, Hon. Remedios Gómez-Arnau, contributes to the Borders Committee dialogue by providing periodic reports on binational activities within the purview of the Committee and invited the Committee to attend the workshop U.S.-Mexico Border Region: Bridging the Cultural Divide. The workshop will take place at the University of San Diego (Warren Auditorium, Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, School of Leadership and Education Sciences) on February 5, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Honorable Remedios Gómez-Arnau, Consulate General of México in San Diego, introduced the item, and responded to questions on this item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

7. SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN: UPDATE ON TRIBAL CONSULTATION (DISCUSSION)

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. SANDAG and SCTCA have been collaborating on the implementation of the tribal consultation plan, which was approved by SANDAG in January 2013. This report provided an update on the implementation of the tribal consultation process. The Borders Committee was asked to provide comments on the Tribal Policy Paper outline.

Chairman Mark Romero and Jane Clough, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

8. SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN: DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION WHITE PAPER OUTLINE (INFORMATION)

SANDAG is preparing a white paper on climate change mitigation and adaptation for use in the development of the Regional Plan. Staff presented the outline for the white paper for discussion.

Allison Wood, Associate Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

9. UPDATES ON IMPERIAL COUNTY BORDER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (INFORMATION)

This presentation updated the Committee on various transportation projects in Imperial County, including ports of entry, transit, and active transportation efforts, and the formation of the Imperial County and Mexicali Border Alliance.

Charles "Muggs" Stoll, Department Director (SANDAG), introduced the item and provided an overview on the State Route 11 Port of Entry project poster displayed at Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting.

Mark Baza, Imperial County Transportation Commission, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

10. SAN DIEGO REGIONAL AND IMPERIAL VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S CALI BAJA BINATIONAL MEGA-REGION INITIATIVE (INFORMATION)

In November 2012, the Borders Committee received a presentation on the Mega-Region Initiative. This presentation provided an update on the development of this initiative, which is a long-term economic development partnership strategy among San Diego County, Imperial County, and Baja California for global competition.

Christina Luhn, San Diego Regional EDC, and Danny Fitzgerald, Imperial Valley Enterprise Zone, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2014, at 12:30 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

Meeting Start Time: 12:33 p.m.  
 Meeting Adjourned Time: 2:24 p.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
 BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING  
 JANUARY 24, 2014  
 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	No
	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
	-----	<i>Vacant</i>	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	Yes
	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	No
		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	Yes
	County of Orange	Jim Dahl	Alternate	Yes