



**JOINT MEETING OF THE SANDAG BORDERS COMMITTEE
AND THE COMMITTEE ON BINATIONAL REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (COBRO)
WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TIJUANA, TECATE, AND PLAYAS DE
ROSARITO, AND THE STATE OF BAJA CALIFORNIA DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS**

MARCH 28, 2014

The joint meeting of the Borders Committee, Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (COBRO), and the Municipalities of Tijuana, Tecate, and Playas de Rosarito, and the State of Baja California was called to order by Chair John Minto (East County) at 12:40 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

Chair John Minto welcomed COBRO and the Municipalities of Tijuana, Tecate, and Playas de Rosarito, and the State of Baja California representatives and introduced Councilmembers, the Borders Committee, and guests, and made housekeeping announcements regarding simultaneous translation service during the meeting. Self-introductions were conducted.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego), and a second by Councilmember Rudy Ramirez (South County), the Borders Committee approved the minutes from the January 24, 2014, 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

David Strausser, Business Development Director, BorderTraffic.com, spoke about border wait times service of semi-live video camera technology to help determine accurate wait times at land ports of entry.

Elizabeth Mensley Chaney and Daniel Gómez Patiño, Alianza Por El Ciclismo, submitted written comments in support of use of the bicycle as a means of transport in the binational metropolis. They would like to call attention to the potential of the planned Virginia Avenue Pedestrian Port of Entry as an ideal site to develop a crossing that gives preference to cyclists and incentivize use of the bicycle as means of transportation, and they did not wish to speak.

CONSENT (3)

3. 2014 BINATIONAL SEMINAR (INFORMATION)

Every year since 1997, SANDAG has organized an annual binational event. COBRO has recommended that the 2014 binational event be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, focusing on border wait times and regional economic competitiveness.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

REPORTS (4 through 8)

4. SUBREGIONAL REPORTS FROM BORDERS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO (INFORMATION)

Members of the Borders Committee, COBRO, and representatives attending the joint meeting from Baja California, Mexico provided information and announcements on issues and activities within their subregion that are of joint interest.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

5. REPORT FROM THE CONSUL 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 Borders Committee. This report highlighted outcomes from the North America Summit held on February 19, 2014.

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.

6. SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN: DRAFT TRIBAL POLICY DISCUSSION PAPER (DISCUSSION)

This item provided a draft Tribal Policy Discussion Paper that will be presented at the San Diego Regional Tribal Summit on April 11, 2014. The Borders Committee and other participants were invited to discuss and comment on this draft document, which provided an overview of tribal-related regional planning and policy issues for consideration in the development of San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan.

Chairman Mark Romero and Claudine Montes, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association or SCTCA, and Jane Clough, SANDAG, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

7. STATE OF BAJA CALIFORNIA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UPDATE (INFORMATION)

This presentation focused on border projects in the Tijuana, Tecate, and Playas de Rosarito Metropolitan Zone, which facilitate better connectivity in the border region.

Manuel Guevara, State of Baja California, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

8. UPDATE ON THE OTAY MESA EAST – MESA DE OTAY II PORT OF ENTRY PROJECT (INFORMATION)

This report provided a summary of project milestones and efforts under way, including the Intelligent Transportation System Technology Pre-Deployment Study, the Investment Grade Traffic and Revenue Study, and the future border crossing.

Samuel Johnson and Christina Casgar, SANDAG; Mario Orso, Caltrans; and Manuel Guevara, State of Baja California, 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, April 25, 2014, at 12:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Meeting Start Time: 12:40 p.m.
 Meeting Adjourned Time: 2:50 p.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
 BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
 MARCH 28, 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	Yes
Imperial County	Imperial County	John Renison	Member	No
	City of Calexico	Bill Hodge	Alternate	No
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	Yes
		Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority		Elsa Saxod	Member	Yes
		Dennis A. Sanford	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