



**BORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS**

**APRIL 25, 2014**

The Borders Committee was called to order by Chair John Minto (East County) at 12:33 p.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Borders Committee member attendance.

Chair John Minto welcomed Leticia Castañeda and Martín Plascencia, City of Tijuana, the Borders Committee, guests, and made housekeeping announcements regarding new electronic voting system and functionality during the meeting.

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 approved the minutes from the March 28, 2014, meeting. Yes – Vice Mayor John Minto (East County), Councilmember Ovrom (South County), Councilmember Gallo (North County Inland), Mayor Teresa Barth (North County Coastal), Councilmember David Alvarez (City of San Diego). No – None. Abstentions – None. Absent – Supervisor John Renison (Imperial County), Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego).

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Daniel Fitzgerald, Calexico Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of funding and regional efforts made to rebuild border land port of entry in Calexico.

**REPORTS (3 through 8)**

3. SUBREGIONAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS (INFORMATION)

Members of the Borders Committee report issues and activities within their subregion that are of interest or under the purview of the Borders Committee.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

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

The Consul General of Mexico 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. Among other topics, Consul General Gómez-Arnau reported on actions resulting from Minute 319 of the Mexico-United States International Boundary and Water Commission, to release water into the Colorado River for environmental purposes.

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.

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

Chairman Mark Romero, representative of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association on the Borders Committee, briefed the members on issues and activities affecting tribal nations in the region and the state. Chairman Romero provided a preliminary report of the 2014 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit, held on Friday, April 11, 2014.

Chairman Mark Romero, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

6. BINATIONAL TRANSPORTATION MODEL FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION, THE TIJUANA, TECATE, AND PLAYAS DE ROSARITO METROPOLITAN ZONE (INFORMATION)

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen regional collaboration, SANDAG staff reported on opportunities to develop a common binational land use and transportation modeling platform for the border area.

Armando Ramos, Secretary of Environmental Protection for the State of Baja California, submitted written comments requesting a future meeting with SANDAG to discuss the Borders Committee strategies for consideration California Biodiversity Council.

Elias Sanz, Regional Models Analyst (SANDAG), presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

7. SAN YSIDRO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER STUDY - FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG, in partnership with the City of San Diego, Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transit System, and the community, is conducting a study to develop a concept and funding and implementation strategy for an Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) in the vicinity of the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry. The draft study report, which outlined the ITC concept as well as the funding and implementation strategy, will be released for public comment in late April 2014. Staff presented an update on these recent study efforts.

Rachel Kennedy, SANDAG, and Samir Hajjiri, City of San Diego, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

8. CALIFORNIA-MEXICO TRADE INITIATIVE IX (INFORMATION)

This report provided information on the recent trade delegation in Mexico City that was organized by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce - Mexico Business Center.

Paola Avila, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce - Mexico Business Center, 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, May 23, 2014, at 12:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Minto adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Meeting Start Time: 12:33 p.m.  
 Meeting Adjourned Time: 2:04 p.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
 BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING  
 APRIL 25, 2014  
 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
South County	City of Chula Vista	Rudy Ramirez	Member	No
	City of Coronado	Al Ovrom	Alternate	Yes
North County Coastal	City of Encinitas	Teresa Barth	Member	Yes
	City of Carlsbad	Michael Schumacher	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	No
	----	Dave Roberts	Alternate	No
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	No
		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