



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2003**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 03-09-1-A
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 25, 2003

Vice Chairman Cafagna called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 9:05 a.m. Attendance was as follows:

Voting Members

- City of CarlsbadRamona Finnila, Mayor Pro Tem
- City of Chula Vista Patty Davis, Councilmember
- City of Coronado Phil Monroe, Mayor Pro Tem
- City of Del MarCrystal Crawford, Councilmember
- City of El Cajon Mark Lewis, Mayor
- City of Encinitas Christy Guerin, Councilmember
- City of Escondido Lori Holt Pfeiler, Mayor
- City of Imperial Beach Patricia McCoy, Councilmember
- City of La MesaAbsent
- City of Lemon Grove Mary Teresa Sessom, Mayor
- City of National City Ron Morrison, Councilmember
- City of OceansideJack Feller, Councilmember
- City of PowayMickey Cafagna, Mayor
- City of San Diego A Dick Murphy, Mayor
- City of San Diego B Jim Madaffer, Councilmember
- City of San Marcos Corky Smith, Mayor
- City of SanteeAbsent
- City of Solana Beach Joe Kellejian, Deputy Mayor
- City of Vista Morris Vance, Mayor
- County of San Diego Greg Cox, Supervisor

Advisory Liaison Members

- County of Imperial Hon. Victor Carrillo, Supervisor
- Department of Transportation Gene Pound, District 11, Deputy Director
- U.S. Department of Defense CAPT. Russ Thackston, CEC, USN
- Mexico Hon. Rodolfo Figueroa Aramoni, Cónsul General
- San Diego Unified Port District Hon. Jess Van Deventer, Commissioner
- San Diego County Water Authority Hon. Bud Lewis, Director
- Metropolitan Transit Development Board Hon. Jerry Rindone, Vice Chair
- North San Diego County Transit
Development Board Hon. Judy Ritter, Chair

1. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2003, BOARD MEETING (APPROVE)

Councilmember Patricia McCoy (Imperial Beach) moved approval of the June 27, 2003, Board meeting minutes, and Councilmember Jim Madaffer (City of San Diego – B) seconded the motion.

Action: Imperial Beach – City of San Diego - B. A motion and second was made to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2003, Board of Directors meeting. Yes – 13 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Absent – Chula Vista, Del Mar, La Mesa, National City, Oceanside, Santee.

1. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS (3 Through 7)

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

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (July 11, 2003)

B. SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING (July 21, 2003)

C. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING (July 11, 2003)

D. BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING (July 18, 2003)

4. LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (LTA) PROJECTS REQUIRING MORE THAN \$1,000 OR THREE DAYS STAFF TIME (INFORMATION)

5. PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (INFORMATION)

6. ADOPTION OF FINAL BYLAWS (APPROVE)

7. REQUEST THAT BOARD TAKE A POSITION ON SB 440 (BURTON) (OPPOSE)

Councilmember Patricia McCoy (Imperial Beach) moved approval of the Consent Items. Councilmember Jim Madaffer (San Diego – B) seconded the motion.

Action: Imperial Beach – City of San Diego - B . A motion and second was made to approve Consent Items 3 through 7. Yes – 17. No – 0. Abstain - 0. Absent – National City, Santee.

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) requested to pull item #7 – Request that Board Take a Position on SB 440 (Burton) - for discussion.

7. REQUEST THAT BOARD TAKE A POSITION ON SB 440 (BURTON) (OPPOSE)

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) reminded the Board that last year, SB 402, a binding arbitration bill, passed. A number of jurisdictions throughout the state challenged that bill. The City of Riverside prevailed and the bill was forwarded to the California Supreme Court where the bill was deemed unconstitutional and the bill was overturned. Immediately, the Sacramento legislature introduced SB 440, a clean up bill to SB 402. SB 440 indicates that the jurisdictions, by unanimous vote, may override the decision from an arbiter. The League of California Cities discussed this issue at its last meeting and concluded that SB 440 is unconstitutional. Mayor Madrid requested that each jurisdiction write a letter to the Governor requesting that he veto this bill. He distributed a sample letter to the Board for their use.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Mary Sessom (Lemon Grove) noted that SANDAG's Pedestrian Design Guidelines received an award from the American Planning Association at its Annual Dinner. The City of San Diego has incorporated these design guidelines in their street manual, which has recently been adopted. SANDAG staff has been busy making presentations to the individual jurisdictions on how to use these design guidelines in their cities. She added that the demonstration projects that the \$1 million was awarded to last year are near completion.

CHAIR'S REPORT

9. RECOGNITION OF BOB PARROTT

Vice Chair Cafagna noted that Bob Parrott, SANDAG's Deputy Executive Director, recently retired. During Bob's tenure at SANDAG, he has been at the forefront of providing SANDAG information products that the public and elected officials can access, understand, and use to make decisions. He has been a leader and innovator and has the unique ability to make everyone's work better. Vice Chair Cafagna thanked Bob for his past 25 years of service to SANDAG and the people of the San Diego region. On behalf of the Board and Staff, he wished Bob well as he transitions into retirement. Vice Chair Cafagna presented Bob with a plaque.

Mr. Parrott thanked the Board for their kind words and thanked all the Executive Directors at SANDAG that gave him the opportunity to excel.

10. APPOINTMENT OF POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS (APPOINT)

Vice Chair Cafagna noted that Chairman Morrison indicated he would like to re-appoint the current Chairs and Vice Chairs of SANDAG's Policy Advisory Committees. He noted that he has contacted each of them and they are all agreeable to continue their service for another year. Those people are listed below.

Transportation Committee

Chair: Deputy Mayor Joe Kellejian (Solana Beach)
 Vice Chair: Mayor Dick Murphy (City of San Diego – A)

Regional Planning Committee

Chair: Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler (Escondido)
 Vice Chair: Councilmember Patty Davis (Chula Vista)

Borders Committee

Chair: Councilmember Crystal Crawford (Del Mar)
 Vice Chair: (Councilmember Patricia McCoy (Imperial Beach)

11. APPOINTMENTS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL TRANSIT (JCRT) (APPOINT)

Vice Chair Cafagna commented that the Joint Committee on Regional Transit (JCRT) was originally organized by the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) and North San Diego County Transit Development Board (NCTD). In 2001, SANDAG was added as an advisory member. As a result of the ongoing consolidation efforts under SB 1703, the boards for both MTDB and NCTD agreed that SANDAG should be given equal status on the JCRT with three voting members. In accordance with the Bylaws, he noted that Chair Morrison recommended appointing the following three regular and one alternate member to the JCRT.

- Hon. Mickey Cafagna – Regular Member
- Hon. Ron Morrison – Regular Member
- Hon. Joe Kellejian – Regular Member
- Hon. Lori Holt Pfeiler – Alternate Member

Action: Carlsbad - Oceanside . A motion and second was made to accept the Chairman's recommendation. Yes – 17 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – National City, Santee.

12. REPORT ON NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS (NARC) ANNUAL CONFERENCE (INFORMATION)

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila (Carlsbad) noted that she followed the economic clusters during the conference. She highlighted that Pittsburgh has gone from six fortune 500 companies to three Fortune 500 companies. There are economic issues that need to be dealt with. California needs to forget about manufacturing and focus on development clusters.

Staff pointed out that they met with George Shaner, a high ranking official who works for U.S. Transportation Secretary Mineta. They are looking for some areas in the country to discuss implementing environmental streamlining. There is interest in looking at San Diego for this project. Environmental streamlining would enhance the environment and move projects faster.

Vice Chair Cafagna added that he met with a representative from the Northern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) who is interested in the consolidation efforts in the San Diego region, noting that SANDAG's consolidation is a regional model. While touring Pittsburgh, the San Diego delegation visited the Amish country to see how their transportation issues are being handled.

REPORTS

13. POTENTIAL SHORT-TERM LOAN OF *TransNet* FUNDS TO KEEP CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS ON SCHEDULE PENDING A STATE BUDGET (APPROVE)

Deputy Mayor Kellejian, Chair of SANDAG's Transportation Committee noted that the Transportation Committee held a special meeting on Monday, July 21, 2003, to discuss the latest news on the impacts of the state budget impasse on both highway and public transit projects in our region. Caltrans Director Jeff Morales had informed contractors statewide that, without a new budget Caltrans would not have the cash available to continue making payments to contractors after July 20, 2003. There are a total of 68 projects in the region and a total of 15,000 jobs that would be affected by the halt of Caltrans work. Deputy Mayor Kellejian invited SANDAG's Executive Director to make a presentation to the Board describing the reasons for the current problem, and the potential costs to the region if it is not addressed. He will then offer a temporary solution in terms of the use of *TransNet* funds as a short-term loan to avoid delays to ongoing construction projects. The Transportation Committee is recommending that SANDAG authorize its Executive Director to enter into negotiations with Caltrans to develop a legally-binding loan agreement. The agreement would allow the use of *TransNet* funds to continue payments to contractors with the loan to be repaid as soon as funds are made available to Caltrans. The Transportation Committee is also recommending an amount of up to \$10 million per month for up to three months. The Transportation Committee would review the loan on a month-to-month basis during the three-month period.

Staff provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation which summarized the impact of the state budget crisis on transportation projects in the region and outlined the staff's recommended solution to use *TransNet* funds on a short-term basis to keep ongoing construction contracts moving. Staff outlined the costs of shutting down operations, the restart up costs if construction was to be halted, and the costs if the contractor chooses to continue work while waiting to be reimbursed from the state. Caltrans would reimburse SANDAG within 45 days of passing the state budget.

Deputy Mayor Kellejian (Solana Beach) noted that SANDAG has a \$60 Million line of credit that is associated with the *TransNet* funding. Those monies would be used to loan to the State.

Deputy Mayor Kellejian commented that this idea is also being implemented in 16 different counties in the state. He added that the projects that will be funded with the proposed *TransNet* loan will be in San Diego County only.

Councilmember Madaffer (San Diego – B) asked what form of insurance does SANDAG have that the state will repay these monies. *Staff responded that the state does have the money but doesn't have access to it because there is no state budget. Once a budget is approved, the state will have access to those funds and will be able to repay the loan.*

Supervisor Cox (County of San Diego) asked what the terms of the loan will be. Staff replied that the Transportation Committee expressed concern that it would like the state to repay the loan with interest. However, the state has indicated that it is prohibited by law from paying interest. *Staff noted that SANDAG has a good relationship with the state in that the state provided the first \$1 Million for the Regional Comprehensive Plan.*

Deputy Mayor Kellejian mentioned that the Board should weigh the difference in cost between the potential \$8,500 – 10,000 per month interest cost as opposed to the \$5 million per month potential loss if projects are shut down.

Public Comment

Assemblymember George Plescia, representing the 75th Assembly District, voiced his support on the temporary loan that SANDAG can do to keep the projects moving in San Diego. Traffic congestion relief is his number one priority. He encouraged the Board to support this temporary loan. He guaranteed the Board that he will fight to make sure that the state will pay back SANDAG in good faith. In addition, he offered his assistance to help with legislative authority to ensure interest payments.

Councilmember Guerin thanked the Assemblymember for taking the time to attend the Board meeting today and providing his testimony. She asked if he was hopeful that the adoption of a budget will be soon. *Assemblymember Plescia commented that he predicts there will be a budget adopted within the week.*

Brad Barnum, representing the Associated General Contractors, commented that this proposal is a great idea, but is a short term fix to the problem. He pointed out that if this item is not approved today, \$600 million worth of work would stop and over 5,000 construction workers will be laid off. He urged the Board to approve this item.

Mayor Murphy (City of San Diego – A) mentioned that it would be helpful to put a motion on the floor for discussion. He moved approval of the staff recommendation.

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) seconded the motion.

Mayor Murphy mentioned that it would be more costly for the San Diego region if the loan is not made to the state. This is a financially and economically good move. He noted that this situation is not Caltrans' fault and they've been a good partner. He mentioned that the Board's primary responsibility is to improve mobility for the San Diego region and the Board needs to do anything that it can to meet that responsibility. This is another step that the Board can take on behalf of the San Diego residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnilla (Carlsbad) asked if other Councils of Governments (COGs) throughout the state are faced with the same problem. *Staff responded that there are*

other COGs that have the same issue. Caltrans is developing a boilerplate Cooperative Agreement to be used statewide.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnilla asked if the 45-day repayment, along with the indemnity clause has been requested from other areas. *Staff mentioned that was a result of the Transportation Committee discussions.*

Councilmember Guerin (Encinitas) thanked staff for their coming forth with this short term solution for the region. She noted that SANDAG has an obligation to protect this region and commended the Board for stepping up to the plate in light of the conditions the region is facing.

Mayor Holt Pfeiler (Escondido) spoke in favor of the motion because it allows the elected officials the opportunity to inform the constituents that the Board is doing everything possible to relieve congestion in the region.

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) stated that approval of this item is one of the most important decisions that the region has made in a long time.

Councilmember Feller (Oceanside) commended the Transportation Committee and staff for thinking out of the box and coming up with a solution to this problem. He asked what would be the downside of this issue. *Staff noted that the downside would be that if the state would not repay the monies, then SANDAG would have to take the state to court.*

Vice Chair Cafagna noted that it is important to remember that these projects are beneficial to the San Diego region.

Supervisor Cox (County of San Diego) asked that staff be as creative as possible to get Caltrans to pay interest on the loan.

Councilmember Madaffer reiterated that this issue is about keeping transportation on target. He added that this issue is a reaffirmation of how valuable *TransNet* is to the region. This is a smart move and he is happy to support this item.

Deputy Mayor Kellejian commented that if the residents stop putting gas in their cars, then the state would not have the available funds. He noted that the money is available, it's just a matter of the state giving the funds to region.

Mayor Cafagna mentioned that this issue has proven how swiftly the San Diego region has come to a decision on a difficult situation. It underscores the benefits of how quickly the Board can make a decision and how important local control is in relationship to other options. He called for the question.

Action: City of San Diego - A – La Mesa. A motion and second was made to approve the staff recommendation . Yes – 17 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – National City, Santee.

14. REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (RCP): ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL EQUITY (DISCUSSION)

Deputy Mayor Houlihan (Encinitas), of SANDAG's Regional Planning Committee, briefed the Board on the Environmental Justice and Social Equity portion of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Environmental justice and social equity refer to examining plans, policies or actions to ensure that they do not disproportionately impact or benefit any one community. Addressing these issues through the RCP is important because of a number of reasons. The region is changing demographically; the region is becoming increasingly diverse and older. The RCP needs to address this diversity in its planning process if it is to meet the needs of the residents. The RCP will be successful if it ensures that there won't be disproportionate winners and losers when the plan is implemented. If the RCP includes a careful analysis of the issues surrounding environmental justice and social equity and includes policies and actions to address these issues, it can serve as a resource for the region's local jurisdictions as their plans are updated.

Staff provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on environmental justice and social equity and how these issues can be addressed in the RCP.

Rachel Ortiz, Executive Director of the Barrio Logan, mentioned that a workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2003, where potential environmental justice issues such as residential parking designation, the 8th Avenue Ground Level Crossing, the I-5 Corridor Study potential freeway ramp, prohibiting 18-wheelers traveling through the Barrio Logan residential area, and re-direction of the ballpark traffic through Barrio Logan will be addressed.

Paula Forbis, Director of the Toxic Free Neighborhoods Campaign for the Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), is hopeful that the RCP will be used as a model plan, not only for the local jurisdictions, but for other plans throughout the state as well. She thanked the Board for its foresight and vision in considering this issue.

Maria Hoya, Lead Organizer for the EHC, asked the Board to put themselves in the place of the residents of the community that are being faced with some of the issues previously mentioned. She added that there is a high number of children that have asthma because of the chemicals used at surrounding businesses. She urged the Board to include environmental justice and social equity in the RCP.

Matt McGee, Executive Director of All Congregations Together, a community service organization which primarily focus on obtaining job opportunities for people transitioning from welfare, job training and job retention, requested that the RCP ensure the quality of life for all communities.

Public Comment

Alexandra Hart, representing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBW), supports SANDAG in its efforts to include environmental justice and social equity in the RCP. She noted that the IBW is willing to do what it needs to assist in this effort.

Supervisor Cox (County of San Diego) stated that there are examples where land use decisions have been made that have had long-term impacts on certain communities. He expressed his support for this effort.

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) asked what the geographic areas are for the distribution of grants awarded for these types of projects. *Staff responded that the grants that were awarded have a broad geographic base throughout the region. Staff agreed to distribute a list of grant awardees to the Board.*

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe (Coronado) stated that environmental justice and social equity are important issues. He mentioned that comments were made implying that everything should be equal. He suggested that this is not a realistic statement and that the board should not get pigeon-holed into thinking they need to provide equal shares of everything to everyone.

Mayor Padilla (Chula Vista) mentioned that to him, environmental justice and social equity means community involvement and communication from all impacted communities. He noted that this is the direction that the Board wants to go and he's looking forward to seeing how this issue will be addressed in the Plan.

Councilmember McCoy (Imperial Beach) agreed with Mayor Padilla and pointed out that the economics of this issue should also be considered. The Board would be remiss to not include this issue in the RCP.

Mayor Holt Pfeiler (Escondido) thanked the Board members for their comments. She added that the strength of SANDAG is that issues can be brought to the table and their importance is recognized. These comments will serve as a basis to move forward with the Environmental Justice and Social Equity portion of the RCP.

15. REGIONAL ENERGY ISSUES

A. NATIONAL ENERGY PLANNING EFFORTS (INFORMATION)

Scott Anders, Director of Programs for the San Diego Regional Energy Office (SDREO), noted that the San Diego region represented the United States in an International Competition on Sustainable Energy Design. The SDREO worked in partnership with the Gas Technology Institute that sponsored the national submission. This was a local joint effort with input from the SDREO, SDG&E, SANDAG, the City and County of San Diego. He introduced John Kelly, of the Distributed Energy Center, who represented the US Delegation in Tokyo in this international competition.

John Kelly, Director of the Distributed Energy Resources Center at the Gas Technology Institute, thanked the Board for allowing him to speak today. Mr. Kelly gave the Board background information and context on some of the national trends on energy planning as well as potential funding opportunities. He encouraged the Board to integrate energy planning into its current activities.

B. REGIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY (APPROVE)

Staff commented that the Board is being presented with two more energy issues. The first is the Regional Energy Strategy, which is recommended for adoption. The second is a list of proposals for an organization to carry out the Regional Energy Strategy, which is recommended for comment and distribution. The Regional Energy Strategy was developed by the Regional Energy Policy Advisory Council (REPAC), with the San Diego Regional Energy Office (SDREO) for SANDAG. This was accepted for review and comment at the May Board meeting. The final strategy has been revised to include changes requested by the Consulate of Mexico and minor corrections in the text. All comment letters received are also included in the report. None of the comments require a change in the policies and goals that are recommended by the REPAC. The goals of the strategy are listed in the report and the document includes all of the proposed actions by which these goals can be achieved. Also at its May Board meeting, a representative of SDG&E presented its 20-year Electric Resource Plan. Comments on the Strategy were received from SDG&E in reference to its Plan and to the goals of the Regional Energy Strategy. Based on the need for compatibility between the Regional Energy Strategy and the SDG&E Resource Plan, staff recommends the Board: (1) approve the Regional Energy Strategy; (2) accept the quantitative goals to the year 2010; (3) accept the quantitative goals for the years following 2010 as policy direction to be re-evaluated periodically and updated; (4) accept the comments that were received; and (5) incorporate the Regional Energy Strategy into the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Jerry Jones (Lemon Grove), member on the REPAC, thanked the SANDAG Board and the SDREO for allowing him to be part of this process. He noted that there is a broad range of ideas and ways of thinking on the REPAC. He commented that the Regional Energy Strategy is an aggressive and comprehensive plan and is exactly what the region needs. He urged the Board to support the staff recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe (Coronado) asked if there is any way the two plans can become one. He made the motion to approve the staff recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila (Carlsbad) stated that there should be more thought and discussion given to the difference between the dry cooling plants and the sea water cooling plants.

Public Comment

Laura Hunter, representing the Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), stated that the EHC strongly supports the adoption of the San Diego Regional Energy Strategy.

Daniel Meshain, a union electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBW) - Local 569 and a Chula Vista resident, commented that he supports the draft Regional Energy Strategy.

Jennifer Badgley, Political Director for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBW) – Local 569, is pleased with the encompassing vision put forth in the

Strategy and urged the Board to adopt the Plan today. She emphasized that each goal and objective of the Plan must be good for working families.

Alexandra Hart, from the IBW, is pleased with the Regional Energy Strategy and the partnership of all parties involved in bringing this vision to reality. She requested that the Board keep in mind the locally trained workforce ready to bring the vision to fruition. She urged the Board to do three things: (1) support the vision; (2) support the region's local workforce; and (3) support the region's need for renewable energy.

Judy Cascallas, a resident of Chula Vista, strongly supports the Regional Energy Strategy.

Bob Resley, representing SDG&E, strongly recommended that the Board adopt the Plan.

Tom Blair, Deputy Environmental Service Director and Energy Administrator for the City of San Diego, recommended that the Board adopt the Plan as submitted.

Laura Folsom, representing Councilmember Michael Zucchett, read a letter from the Councilmember, which supported the REPAC's efforts.

Councilmember McCoy (Imperial Beach) seconded the motion.

Action: Coronado – Imperial Beach. A motion and second was made to approve the Regional Energy Strategy (RES); accept the quantitative goals of the RES to the year 2010; accept the quantitative goals of the years following 2010 as policy direction to be re-evaluated periodically and up-dated; accept the comments received during the public review period to be included in the RES Appendix; and incorporate the RES into the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Yes – 16 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain - 0 (0%). Absent – National City, San Marcos, Santee.

C. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY (APPROVE)

Staff commented that now the options on how to implement the Regional Energy Strategy will be discussed. The REPAC Chairman will describe the options discussed, evaluated and recommended. Staff reviewed the proposed options and recommended a variation to one of them, which will be included at the end of the REPAC report. The overall recommendation is to accept the report for review and comment.

John Moot, Chair of the Regional Energy Policy Advisory Council (REPAC), presented the REPAC's recommendation and options regarding the implementation of the Regional Energy Strategy to the Board. The REPAC recommended Option 2 and that the SANDAG Board commit \$50,000 currently budgeted for energy issues to forming and staffing a committee and working group. Within 120 days of being established, the working group and the SDREO would return to the SANDAG Board with an 18-month funding program. The funding program should utilize private sector grants and other government funds available through federal and state programs as a match to the SANDAG contribution. By doing nothing, the region will be allowing

history to repeat itself. He urged the Board to accept the recommendation of the REPAC and take the region to the next step.

Staff commented that a variation to Option 2, which would utilize an existing SANDAG Committee to assume the energy issues and responsibilities and establish an Energy Working Group to advise the Committee.

Mayor Murphy commented that he supports the REPAC recommendation and would like to discuss this issue at a future Board meeting. He noted that he likes Option 3 but thinks that Option 2 is interesting.

Vice Chair Cafagna stated that this issue will be brought up at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila mentioned that the Board has no idea of the level of intensity and time that it takes to commit to a task such as this. It required a lot of effort to include all of the stakeholders to come to consensus. She noted that this issue will need that same type of effort. She pointed out that if SANDAG is going to be accountable for this issue, then it needs to be financially accountable for this issue as well.

Public Comment

Laura Hunter, representing the Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), indicated that the EHC approves this item.

Patti Krebs, with the Industrial Environmental Association, stated that energy has moved to the top of region's priorities. She noted that she supports the staff recommendation.

Dan Perkins, Chair of the Sierra Club's Energy Committee, stated that he would like to see members on the newly formed Energy Committee that will take into consideration new energy technology and how energy is priced, transmitted, and generated.

Steven Zolessi, representing the Food and Beverage Association and a member of REPAC representing small business, requested that REPAC tried to provide options that would be flexible as the region's energy needs change over the years.

Bob Resley, from SDG&E, stated that there is a lot to like in Option 2 and that is something that SDG&E can live with. He noted that even though SDG&E would like to be a key stakeholder in this process, there are other key stakeholders that should be considered.

Councilmember Jerry Jones, City of Lemon Grove, noted that the most significant component of this issue is that San Diego speak with one voice. He noted that SANDAG is one of the most effective bodies in the region.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe (Coronado) made the motion to recommend that the implementation options and comments be referred to the Executive Committee for further discussion and bring their recommendations back to the Board. He also requested the

measure of success or failure after the 18-month process and requested a definition of where the Board is going with this.

Mayor Padilla (Chula Vista) seconded the motion and congratulated the REPAC on its hard work. He added that the City of Chula Vista is comfortable with examining a legislative approach to an Energy Authority. He added that communities that are impacted to a greater extent should have a greater or equal proportional voice in the governance structure.

Councilmember Guerin appreciated the options that the Board provided and requested that staff consider REPAC's recommendation.

Mayor Sessom (Lemon Grove) stated that the Board has to take on the tough questions and requested that when this issue comes back to the Board it is at the beginning of the agenda to allow all members to be able to provide input.

Action: Coronado – Chula Vista. A motion and second was made to accept for distribution and comment the Implementation of the Regional Energy Strategy program and accept the recommendation for Executive Committee review. Yes – 16 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – National City, San Marcos, Santee.

16. RIDESHARE WEEK 2003 - PROCLAMATION (APPROVE)

During the week of October 6-10, 2003, SANDAG will sponsor Rideshare Week 2003. The purpose of Rideshare Week 2003 is to create public awareness of alternatives to solo commuting and to reduce peak period congestion. SANDAG administers the Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program known as RideLink that provides cost-effective services to promote alternatives to solo commuting.

Deputy Mayor Kellejian (Solana Beach) made the motion to approve Resolution 2004-03; Councilmember McCoy (Imperial Beach) seconded the motion.

Action: Solana Beach – Imperial Beach. A motion and second was made to approve Resolution 2004-03 in support of Rideshare Week 2003 . Yes – 16 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – National City, San Marcos, Santee.

17. CLOSED SESSION:

Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Action: The Board took action in closed session and ratified the lease by unanimous vote. Yes - 13. No - 0. Absent – Imperial Beach, National City, Santee, San Marcos, Vista, City of San Diego – A, County of San Diego.

Settlement Negotiations Concerning Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1)

Action: The Board voted to approve the settlement agreement with Save Our Forests and Ranchlands (SOFAR) related to the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. Yes - 9. No - 3 (Carlsbad, Oceanside, Encinitas). Absent - Imperial Beach, National City, Santee, San Marcos, Vista, City of San Diego - A, City of San Diego - B, County of San Diego.

ADJOURNMENT - 1:24 p.m.

GARY L. GALLEGOS
Secretary