



BORDERS COMMITTEE

JULY 27, 2018

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVE

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

JUNE 22, 2018

The meeting of the Borders Committee was called to order by Chair Serge Dedina (South County) at 1:02 p.m.

Chair Dedina welcomed and introduced new Borders Committee members and guests.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Ed Gallo (North County Inland) and a second by Councilmember Ronn Hall (East County), the Borders Committee approved the minutes from its May 25, 2018, meeting. Yes: Chair Dedina, Vice Chair Gallo, Councilmember David Alvarez (City of San Diego), Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego), Councilmember Hall, Supervisor John Renison (Imperial County), and Councilmember Jack Feller (North County Coastal). No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Cox provided a brief update on the recent North American Development Bank meeting in Ensenada.

Laura Araujo, Tijuana Innovadora, spoke about binational communication and best management practices. She invited the Borders Committee members to the Tijuana Innovadora Green conference scheduled on November 15–16, 2018, on water issues and smart city practices.

Retired California Senator Denise Ducheny, Center of U.S.-Mexican Studies, invited everyone to attend the Border Mayors Summit meeting scheduled on September 20-22, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas.

Heidy Salum, State of Baja California, provided an update on binational collaboration efforts between the United States and Mexico.

Olivia Maldonado, City of Tijuana, reiterated the upcoming Border Mayors Summit in San Antonio, Texas and thanked Senator Ducheny for her help and collaboration with organizing this event.

Carlos Peña, Office Area Manager, U.S. – International Boundary and Water Commission, commented on the United States/Mexico progress on sanitation issues.

REPORTS

3. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN THE BORDER REGION: BORDER TO BAYSHORE BIKEWAY (INFORMATION)

Chair Dedina introduced the item and provided a brief update on active transportation issues in the border region.

Alison Moss, Regional Planner, provided a report on the complexities of active transportation planning in the border region, including the Border to Bayshore Bikeway, a *TransNet* Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program project.

Action: This item was presented for information.

4. CITY OF TIJUANA EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE TIJUANA RIVER CHANNEL AT THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER (INFORMATION)

Councilmember Ivette Casillas, City of Tijuana, provided an overview on recent efforts taken by the City of Tijuana to restore the Tijuana River Channel near the international border.

Lance Rodgers, Citizens Action Sewage, spoke about various sewage issues at the Tijuana River.

Paloma Aguirre, Wildcoast, spoke about the need to mitigate solid waste at the City of Tijuana. Ms. Aguirre thanked Councilmember Casillas for her help and efforts to the City of Tijuana to restore the Tijuana River.

Ms. Salum provided an update on efforts to eliminate plastic bag use and other binational collaboration efforts.

Action: This item was presented for information.

5. STATE ROUTE 11 / OTAY MESA EAST PORT OF ENTRY UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Mario Orso, Caltrans Corridor Director, provided an update on efforts to advance the State Route 11/ Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project and connecting roads on both sides of the border.

Action: This item was presented for information.

6. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no additional public comments.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Borders Committee is scheduled for Friday, July 27, 2018, at 12:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dedina adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
 SANDAG BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
 JUNE 22, 2018**

JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
City of San Diego	David Alvarez	Member	Yes
	Mark Kersey	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Greg Cox	Member	Yes
	Dianne Jacob	Alternate	No
East County	Ronn Hall	Member	Yes
	Steve Goble	Alternate	No
Imperial County	John Renison	Member	Yes
	Luis Plancarte	Alternate	Yes
North County Coastal	Jack Feller	Member	Yes
	Tasha Boerner Horvath	Alternate	No
North County Inland	Ed Gallo, Vice Chair	Member	Yes
	Jim Cunningham	Alternate	No
South County	Serge Dedina, Chair	Member	Yes
	Bill Sandke	Alternate	No
ADVISORY MEMBERS			
County of Riverside	Marsha Swanson	Member	Yes
	Jeffrey Giba	Alternate	No
Republic of Mexico	Marcela Celorio	Member	No
	Gaspar Orozco	Alternate	Yes
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Chairman Edwin "Thorpe" Romero	Member	Yes
	Cody Martinez	Alternate	No
Caltrans	Cory Binns	Member	Yes
	Ann Fox	Alternate	No
San Diego County Water Authority	Gary Croucher	Member	Yes
	David Barnum	Alternate	No
Southern California Association of Governments	Naresh Amatya	Member	No
	David C. Salgado	Alternate	Yes
County of Orange	Jim Ferryman	Member	Yes
	Jim Dahl	Alternate	No