APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 10, 2003 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Ron Morrison (National City) called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Committee members in attendance were Vice Chairman Mickey Cafagna (North County Inland), Ramona Finnila (North County Coastal), Hal Ryan (East County), Greg Cox (County of San Diego), and alternates Christy Guerin (North County Coastal), Jim Madaffer (City of San Diego), and Art Madrid (East County).

1. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2003, MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion and a second the minutes of the September 12, 2003, Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

CONSENT (Item 2)

2. ENERGY TASK FORCE (INFORMATION)

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramona Finnila (North County Coastal) indicated that the Energy Task Force had its first meeting. One issue that arose was whether the membership should be increased. Mayor Corky Smith (San Marcos) requested that the membership be increased to include the City of San Marcos because they have a municipal utility; others have asked to be included in the membership as well. It is up to the Executive Committee’s to expand the membership of this Task Force.

Discussion followed on the possible expansion of the Energy Task Force. The consensus was that the membership of this task force should be kept small and limited to those jurisdictions that have utilities within their boundaries.

Action: The Executive Committee voted to increase the membership of the Energy Task Force to include a representative from the San Marcos City Council.
3. **2003 YEAR-END LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP (INFORMATION)**

Staff provided a summary of 2003 legislative activities including the development of a joint federal transportation agenda, and the combined advocacy efforts of MTDB, NCTD, and SANDAG, which was supported by the San Diego Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. On the state side, Assembly Bill (AB) 361 passed which extended the deadline requirement for the report by the Legislative Analyst’s Office to the Governor and the Legislature from December 31, 2004, to December 31, 2005. This legislation also revised SANDAG’s requirement to submit a progress report to the Governor and Legislature from December 31, 2005, to December 31, 2004. In addition, consistent with SANDAG policy, the bill also calls for a public vote to make effective any future legislation which changes SANDAG’s governing structure.

In December 2002, the SANDAG Board set three items as the highest priority legislative items for 2003, including:

1. Support/co-sponsor legislation and/or initiatives that would authorize local sales taxes or other new revenue sources for transportation projects and purposes to be approved by a majority vote.

2. Participate in the development of a unified statewide position on TEA-21 reauthorization in accordance with adopted Board policy and support ongoing implementation of the TEA-21 legislation with a focus on obtaining discretionary funding from the new programs established in TEA-21.

3. Oppose revisions to state transportation programming and funding reform legislation not consistent with Board policy and SB 45. Oppose legislative appropriation of State Highway Account (SHA) funds for specific programs and projects which would reduce the amounts available for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Staff provided a status report on activities related to these items.

The next steps will be to develop a legislative agenda for next year and bring it back to the Executive Committee and Board in December.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila asked about funding that might be available in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP). Staff replied that these funds have been programmed and any changes to project funding would require legislative action. This is one of the most vulnerable sources of funds for transportation. Staff agreed to monitor this program and to inform our legislative caucus of our issue.

4. **NEW SANDAG ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES (APPROVE)**

Staff reported that no comments were received on the three policies that were introduced last month: Policy 016 - Procurement of Services, 017 - Delegation of Authority, and 018 -
Discrimination Complaint Procedures. There was one inquiry at the last Committee meeting related to a benchmark in the Delegation of Authority policy regarding the emergency authority limit. A sampling from area jurisdictions was taken and results showed that except for the City of La Mesa, there were no emergency limits on the authority of the chief executive officer. The recommendation is that language that limited the emergency authority to $200,000 be eliminated. The Executive Director is required to report back to the Board on any action taken. If the Executive Committee recommends approval of these policies, they will go forward to the full Board for approval.

Councilmember Hal Ryan (East County) asked that the Board receive a memo on uses of this emergency authority prior to the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego) asked about the limits for noncompetitive procurements. Staff responded that the limit is $2,500 and sole source procurements cannot be approved unless there is justification according to our policies.

Action: The Executive Committee voted to approve the three new administrative policies including uses of this emergency authority.

5. ARJIS CONSOLIDATION WITH SANDAG: STATUS AND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROPOSAL (DISCUSSION)

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) provided background information on the proposed consolidation of ARJIS with SANDAG. He mentioned the timeline and key milestones for this consolidation. A new Public Safety Policy Advisory Committee (PSPAC) is proposed that would report directly to the SANDAG Board of Directors. It would replace the current ARJIS Board and Executive Committee and have direct support from the Chief’s Management Committee. The PSPAC would also oversee SANDAG’s Criminal Justice Research Division activities. The formation of the PSPAC would strengthen the coordination and relationships between the elected officials and key law enforcement agencies, including Homeland Security, and provide a prominent regional forum for public safety matters.

Discussion ensued related to the membership of the PSPAC.

Councilmember Christy Guerin (Encinitas) asked Executive Committee members to solicit input from their jurisdictions related to this consolidation.

Staff reminded Committee members that all SANDAG member agencies have to approve the amendment to the ARJIS joint powers authority (JPA).

Councilmember Jim Madaffer expressed concerns about fiscal issues. Mayor Pro Tem Finnila encouraged Councilmember Madaffer to meet with staff and representatives from the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego Data Processing Corporation to resolve his concerns.
6. 2004 ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT (DISCUSSION)

Staff provided a draft outline for the process and substance for the Board Retreat tentatively scheduled for January 28-30, 2004, in Borrego Springs. Staff provided suggested topics of discussion and stated that this item would be scheduled for discussion at the November Executive Committee meeting. Staff requested the Executive Committee to serve as the working committee to formulate the agenda. Three issues are being suggested: consolidation roles, the TransNet expenditure plan, and the draft Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Ryan suggested that a synopsis of the new Governor’s programs be provided at the retreat.

7. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT BOARD AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 24, 2003

Chair Morrison asked about the format of the draft Board agenda. Following discussion, it was decided that staff would propose recommended actions for each of the agenda items.

Vice Chair Cafagna suggested that the agenda have a one sentence recommendation and then staff can review each item with the Committee and changes can be made as a result of that discussion.

Councilmember Madaffer suggested that the report structure provide a synopsis paragraph of the issue. He thought that this would reduce the number of PowerPoint presentations by staff.

Supervisor Cox suggested that action items be placed first on the Reports portion of the agenda with information items following. He also expressed concern about the timeliness of Committee members receiving the agenda package. Further, he suggested that when there are items that would be of specific interest or concern to a jurisdiction, that jurisdiction should be given advance notice of the item.

Councilmember Madaffer suggested that when a consent item is pulled, it should be heard at the end of the agenda.

Action: The Executive Committee unanimously voted to approve the Board agenda for October 24, 2003.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 7, 2003, which is the first Friday of the month. The Board meeting will be on Friday, November 21, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Morrison adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.