

March 25, 2022

February 25, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Chair Serge Dedina (South County) called the Borders Committee meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Action: Approve

The Borders Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its February 25, 2022, meeting.

1. Public Comments/Communications/ Member Comments

Chair Dedina commented about the great milestone reached with the binational workshop at the Otay Mesa East site preparation event.

Executive Director Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans D11, commented about the great binational partnership with Mexico and the collaboration between agencies working on the Otay Mesa East-Otay II Port of Entry (POE) project.

2. Agency Report (Discussion)

Chief Executive Officer Hasan Ikhata provided an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives.

David Perez Quijada, Governor's Office State of Baja California, spoke in support of the collaboration between SANDAG and the Baja California Governor's Office.

Natalia Figueroa, Consul General of Mexico, spoke in support of the Otay Mesa East-II POE project.

Action: Discussion only.

Consent

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Dave Druker (North County Coastal) and a second by Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego), the Borders Committee voted to approve Consent Item No. 3.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Dedina, Council President Sean Elo-Rivera (City of San Diego), Councilmember Druker, and Supervisor Anderson.

No: None.

Abstain: East County.

Absent: North County Inland and Imperial County.

Chair's Report

4. Borders Committee 20th Anniversary (Discussion)

Chair Dedina introduced the item and announced that the Borders Committee was commemorating 20 years of convening; engaging inclusive meetings; informing and guiding policy; and championing regional efforts for improving quality of life in the border region.

Honorary Founding Committee Chairs Crystal Crawford and Patricia McCoy offered remarks highlighting the importance of continued dialogue and collaboration on borders issues.

Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association Cody Martinez provided a brief overview on Tribal participation on the Borders Committee, and expressed his appreciation, and continued collaboration.

Council President Elo-Rivera spoke supporting the City of San Diego's participation by Councilwoman Vivian Moreno on the Borders Committee and acknowledged the City's binational efforts.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Discussion only.

Reports

5. Bike Projects Along the U.S.–Mexico International Border (Information)

Chair Dedina introduced the item.

5A. Border to Bayshore Bikeway

Regional Transportation Planner/Project Manager Madai Parra provided an update on the Border to Bayshore Bikeway.

5B. Ciclovia Binational

Secretary Javier Delgado and Rodolfo Argote, City of Tijuana, presented an update on a proposed binational bikeway to link Tijuana and the community of San Ysidro.

5C. Linking Bike Projects Along the Border

Elizabeth Hensley-Chaney, Alianza por la Movilidad Activa, A.C. and Tomás-Pérez Vargas, Tijuana Economic Development Council presented a report on efforts to coordinate and link active transportation connections on either side of the international border in the San Diego-Tijuana region.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Information only.

6. San Diego-Tijuana 2024 World Design Capital (Information)

Michelle Morris and Carlos Cristiani, 2024 HOME, provided an overview of the World Design Capital (WDC) designation of the San Diego–Tijuana region. The WDC is designated every two years by the World Design Organization and recognizes cities for their effective use of design to drive economic, social, cultural, and environmental development.

Committee members Councilmember Bill Sandke (South County), Gustavo Dallarda, and Vice Mayor Jack Shu (East County) spoke in support of this item.

Elizabeth Hensley Chaney, member of the public, spoke in support of this item.

Action: Information only.

7. Upcoming Meetings

The next Borders Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Chair Dedina adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Borders Committee Meeting

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Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attended
South County	Serge Dedina, Chair	Member	Yes
	Bill Sandke	Alternate	Yes
East County	Laura Koval	Member	No
	Jack Shu	Alternate	Yes
City of San Diego	Vivian Moreno, Vice Chair	Member	No
	Sean Elo-Rivera	Alternate	Yes
County of San Diego	Joel Anderson	Member	Yes
	Nora Vargas	Alternate	No
Imperial County	Jesus Eduardo Escobar	Member	No
	Luis Plancarte	Alternate	No
North County Coastal	Dave Druker	Member	Yes
	Ryan Keim	Alternate	No
North County Inland	John Franklin	Member	No
	John Mullin	Alternate	No
Advisory Members			
Riverside County	Crystal Ruiz	Member	Yes
	Yxstian Gutierrez	Alternate	No
Republic of Mexico	Carlos González Gutiérrez	Member	No
	Natalia Figueroa	Alternate	Yes
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Raymond Welch	Member	No
	Cody Martinez	Alternate	Yes
Caltrans	Gustavo Dallarda	Member	Yes
	Ann Fox	Alternate	Yes
	Mario Orso	Alternate	No
San Diego County Water Authority	Elsa Saxod	Member	Yes
	Jose Preciado	Alternate	No
Southern California Association of Governments	Naresh Amatya	Member	No
	David C. Salgado	Alternate	No
Orange County	Vacant	Member	No
	Jim Dahl	Alternate	No