

July 12, 2024, Board of Directors Minutes

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Second Vice Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:30 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Truth, Alan C., Mike, Kathryn Rhodes, and Mark.

Member Comments: Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos), Councilmember Melaine Burkholder (Carlsbad), and Executive Director Everett Townsend (Caltrans).

Agency Updates: Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its June 28, 2024, meeting.

3. Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG

This report provided an update on meetings and events attended by Board members.

Public Comments: Truth, Alan C., Mark, Paul Henkin, Blair Beekman, and Consuelo.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Jack Shu (La Mesa), and a second by Deputy Mayor Ryan Keim (Oceanside), the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Burkholder, Deputy Mayor Alonso Gonzalez (Chula Vista), Councilmember John Duncan (Coronado), Councilmember Tracy Martinez (Del Mar), Mayor Tony Kranz (Encinitas), Mayor Dane White (Escondido), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Councilmember Shu, Councilmember Georg Gastil (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), Deputy Mayor Keim, Councilmember Vivan Moreno (City of San Diego), Mayor Jones, and Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego, El Cajon, Poway, and Santee.

Reports

4. FY 2025 Annual Audit Plan

Audit Committee Chair David Zito (Solana Beach) introduced the item.

Independent Performance Auditor Courtney Ruby presented the FY 2025 Annual Audit Plan for adoption by the Board of Directors.

Public Comments: Truth, Kathryn Rhodes, Alan C., Mark, Mike, Paul Henkin, Consuelo, and Blair Beekman.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Kranz, and a second by Councilmember Molina, the Board voted to adopt the FY 2025 Annual Audit Plan.

The motion passed.

Yes: Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Burkholder, Deputy Mayor Gonzalez, Councilmember Duncan, Councilmember Martinez, Mayor Kranz, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Shu, Councilmember Gastil, Councilmember Molina, Deputy Mayor Keim, Councilmember Moreno, Mayor Jones, and Deputy Mayor Melendez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego, El Cajon, Poway, and Santee.

5. State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Agreements

The Borders Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Binational Agreements for State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry.

Public Comments: Truth, Mary Davis, Alan C., Mark, Kathryn Rhodes, Paul Henkin, Consuelo, and Blair Beekman.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Fisher, and a second by Councilmember Duncan, the Board voted to direct the CEO develop a temporary working group to address environmental concerns, including but not limited to transborder sewage issues in the border region, and to adopt Resolution No. 2024-32, approving the Binational Agreements for State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry.

The motion passed.

Yes: Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Burkholder, Deputy Mayor Gonzalez, Councilmember Duncan, Councilmember Martinez, Mayor Kranz, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Shu, Councilmember Gastil, Councilmember Molina, Deputy Mayor Keim, Councilmember Moreno, Mayor Jones, and Deputy Mayor Melendez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego, El Cajon, Poway, Santee.

Continued Non-Agenda Public Comments: Mary Davis, Rita Clement, Paul Henkin, Blair Beekman, and Consuelo.

Closed Session Public Comments: Truth, Mark, and Consuelo.

Second Vice Chair Heebner recessed to closed session at 1:13 p.m.

Closed Session

6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Osmon v. City of San Diego (San Diego Superior Court Case No. 2020-00018911) and Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (Two Potential Cases)

The Board of Directors was briefed regarding the status of the referenced litigation, as well as the potential initiation of litigation for two related matters.

Second Vice Chair Heebner reconvened to open session at 1:24 p.m.

Senior Counsel Ryan Kohut reported the following out of closed session: The Board met in closed session on Agenda Item No.6, and there was no reportable action.

7. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Second Vice Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors	Title	Name	Attend
City of Carlsbad	Councilmember	Melanie Burkholder (Primary)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Deputy Mayor	Alonso Gonzalez (Alternate)	Yes
City of Coronado	Councilmember	John Duncan (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Chairwoman	Nora Vargas (Primary)	No
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Joel Anderson (Primary)	No
City of Del Mar	Councilmember	Tracy Martinez (Alternate)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Mayor	Bill Wells (Primary)	No
City of Encinitas	Mayor	Tony Kranz (Primary)	Yes
City of Escondido	Mayor	Dane White (Primary)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Councilmember	Jack Shu (Primary)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Councilmember	George Gastil (Primary)	Yes
City of National City	Councilmember	Luz Molina (Primary)	Yes
City of Oceanside	Deputy Mayor	Ryan Keim (Primary)	Yes
City of Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)	No
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Raul Campillo (Alternate)	No
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Vivan Moreno (Alternate)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Mayor	John Minto (Primary)	No
City of Solana Beach	Second Vice Chair	Lesia Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Deputy Mayor	Katie Melendez (Primary)(left 12:04pm)	Yes
Caltrans	Director	Everett Townsend	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Councilmember	Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez (Primary)	Yes
North County Transit District	Deputy Mayor	Jewel Edson (Primary)	No
Imperial County	Supervisor	Jesus Eduardo Escobar	No
U.S. Department of Defense	Executive Director	Dennis Keck (Primary)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Dan Malcolm (Primary)	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority	Director	Mel Katz (Primary)	No
SDCRAA	Director	Gil Cabrera (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Alicia Kerber (Primary)	No
SCTCA	Chairwoman	Erica Pinto (Primary)	No
Association of Planning Groups	Chairwoman	Robin Joy Maxson	No