

June 28, 2024

March 22, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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Chair Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Imperial County) called the Borders Committee meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

1. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Public Comments: Truth, Blair Beekman, and The Original Dra.

Member Comments: Vice Chair Carolina Chavez (South County).

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Borders Committee was asked to approve the minutes from its January 26, 2024, meeting.

Public Comments: The Original Dra.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Chavez, and a second by Councilmember Laura Koval (East County), the Borders Committee voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Escobar, Vice Chair Chavez, Councilmember Koval, and Mayor Dane White (North County Inland).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of San Diego, County of San Diego, and North County Coastal.

Reports

3. Tijuana River Valley U.S. – Mexico Transborder Pollution Environmental Crisis

City of Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma Aguirre presented an overview of the status of the Tijuana River Valley emergency, the comprehensive plan to address the issue, and current implementation challenges.

Public Comments: The Original Dra and Blair Beekman.

Action: Information.

4. Public Health Report on Exposure Risks from Contaminated Water in the Tijuana River Valley

San Diego State University Professor Paula Stigler-Granados discussed how public health impacts may extend far further than beach closures due to sewage and toxic spill on the Tijuana River estuary.

Public Comments: The Original Dra and Blair Beekman.

Action: Discussion.

5. Cross Border Xpress Update

Jorge Goytortua, Cross Border Xpress, presented an overview of Cross Border Xpress operations, crossing volumes, and plans to meet future demand.

Public Comments: The Original Dra and Blair Beekman.

Action: Information.

6. Adjournment

The next Borders Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024, at 1 p.m.

Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at Borders Committee Meeting

Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attended
South County	Carolina Chavez, Vice Chair	Member	Yes
	Luis Plancarte	Alternate	No
East County	Laura Koval	Member	Yes
	Patricia Dillard	Alternate	No
City of San Diego	Vivian Moreno	Member	No
	Sean Elo-Rivera	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Joel Anderson	Member	No
	Nora Vargas	Alternate	No
Imperial County	Jesus Eduardo Escobar, Chair	Member	Yes
	Mitch McKay	Alternate	No
North County Coastal	Terry Gaasterland	Member	No
	Ryan Keim	Alternate	No
North County Inland	Dane White	Member	Yes
	Joe Garcia	Alternate	No
Riverside County	Crystal Ruiz	Member	No
	Yxstian Gutierrez	Alternate	No
Republic of Mexico	Alicia Kerber-Palma	Member	No
	Gilberto Luna	Alternate	Yes
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Raymond Welch	Member	No
	Cody Martinez	Alternate	No
Caltrans	Everett Townsend	Member	No
	Roy Abboud	Alternate	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority	Valentine Macedo, Jr.	Member	No
	Steve Casteneda	Alternate	No
Southern California Association of Governments	Naresh Amatya	Member	No
	David C. Salgado	Alternate	No
Orange County	Vacant	Member	N/A
	Vacant	Alternate	N/A