

March 22, 2024

January 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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Vice Chair Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Imperial County) called the Borders Committee to order at 1:26 p.m.

1. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Truth, member of the public, spoke regarding border issues.

Blair Beekman, member of the public, spoke in support of collaboration with Mexico.

The OriginalDra, member of the public, spoke regarding immigration issues.

Vice Chair Escobar welcomed the new members of the Borders Committee and acknowledged the work of Consul General Carlos González Gutiérrez.

Councilmember Carolina Chavez (South County) acknowledged the work of Consul General Carlos González Gutiérrez.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Borders Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its September 22, 2023, and its November 15, 2023, meetings.

3. 2025 Regional Plan Tribal and Binational Outreach Summary

This report provided a summary of tribal and binational outreach SANDAG conducted in support of 2025 Regional Plan development.

The OriginalDra spoke regarding immigration issues.

Blair Beekman spoke regarding tribal collaboration on the Regional Plan.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Chavez and a second by Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego), the Borders Committee voted to approve the consent agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Vice Chair Escobar, Supervisor Anderson, Councilmember Patricia Dillard (East County), and Councilmember Chavez.

No: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Terry Gaasterland (North County Coastal).

Absent: City of San Diego and North County Inland.

Reports

5. 2024 World Design Capital

Mai Nguyen, 2024 World Design Capital, presented updates on the San Diego-Tijuana 2024 World Design Capital, the first binational designation.

Action: Information only.

6. SANDAG's Approach to 2024 World Design Capital

Borders Program Manager Hector Vanegas and Regional Planners Marisa Mangan and Zach Hernandez presented an update on the designation of San Diego-Tijuana binational region as the 2024 World Design Capital and how SANDAG aims to participate.

The Original Dra spoke regarding the climate action plan.

Blair Beekman spoke regarding binational collaboration.

Action: Information only.

4. San Diego and Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy

Regional Planner Tim Garrett and Senior Regional Planner Mariela Rodriguez presented an update on the San Diego and Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy.

Blair Beekman spoke regarding hydrogen fuel cells as an alternative energy source.

The Original Dra spoke regarding goods movement and climate mitigation.

Action: Information only.

7. Adjournment

The next Borders Committee meeting is Friday, February 23, 2024, at 1 p.m.

Vice Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at Borders Committee Meeting

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