



Borders Committee

Meeting Minutes

**October 24, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
SANDAG Boardroom
1011 Union Street, First Floor
San Diego, CA 92101**

Voting Members Present: Chair Carolina Chavez (South County)
Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego)
Councilmember Steve Goble (East County)
Supervisor Martha Cardenas-Singh (Imperial County)
Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (North County Inland)

Voting Members Absent: Vice Chair Eric Joyce (North County Coastal)
Councilmember Vivian Moreno (City of San Diego)

Others Present: Roy Abboud (Caltrans)
Councilmember Colleen Wallace (Riverside County)
David Salgado (SCAG)

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1. Call to Order

Chair Chavez called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Melendez participated in the meeting virtually and confirmed it was for "just cause" under AB 2449 (Rubio, 2022).

2. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Andrea Ebbing, Blair Beekman.

Member Comments: None.

Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso presented an update on agency activities.

3. Consent

Public Comments: Allegedly Audra, Blair Beekman.

Motioned by: Councilmember Goble

Seconded by: Supervisor Anderson

to approve Consent Agenda Item 3.1.

For (4): Chair Chavez, Supervisor Anderson, Councilmember Goble, and Deputy Mayor Melendez

Abstain (1): Supervisor Cardenas-Singh

Absent (2): Vice Chair Joyce, Councilmember Moreno

The motion passed. (4 to 0)

3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approved the July 25, 2025, meeting minutes.

4. Tribal Digital Village Improvement and Expansion Strategy

Regional Planner Michael Terlep presented an update on the Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant funded Tribal Digital Village Improvement and Expansion Strategy. This item was presented for information only.

Public Comments: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Blair Beekman.

5. Lithium Valley Specific Plan Draft

Bari Bean, County of Imperial, presented the finalized Lithium Valley Specific Plan to transform over 51,000 acres near the Salton Sea into a clean energy and lithium development hub through zoning updates, infrastructure improvements, and streamlined CEQA review. This item was presented for information only.

Public Comments: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Andrea Ebbing, Blair Beekman.

6. City of Tijuana Planning Activities

Juan Diego Mascareño, Germán Chávez, and Heidy Maccioni, Instituto Metropolitano de Planeación de Tijuana (IMPLAN) presented an update on key activities led by IMPLAN, the municipal agency supporting urban development and planning efforts in the City of Tijuana. This item was presented for information only.

Public Comments: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Blair Beekman.

7. Adjournment

The next Borders Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2025, at 2 p.m.

Chair Chavez adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.