

SANDAG Board of Directors Advisory Membership Request by the Association of Planning Groups – San Diego County

Overview

On November 6, 2023, the Association of Planning Groups – San Diego County submitted a request to serve as an advisory member of the SANDAG Board of Directors (Attachment 1). On May 23, 2023, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution supporting the addition of an advisory member to SANDAG, dedicated to representing the unincorporated residents of the County of San Diego (Attachment 3).

Key Considerations

The SANDAG Board is composed of elected officials from each of the region's 19 local governments, including two representatives from the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego.

Supplementing these voting members are advisory representatives from the San Diego County Airport Authority, Imperial County, the U.S. Department of Defense, Caltrans, San Diego Unified Port District, Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, San Diego County Water Authority, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, and Mexico.

SANDAG's Governing Law and Board Policy

California Public Utilities Code 132351.1(g) allows the Board to appoint advisory, nonvoting members to sit with it. In determining whether to supplement the Board with additional advisory members, Section 5 of SANDAG Board Policy No. 004: Rules of Procedure for Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Committees, and Other Legislative Bodies, states that the Board will consider adding a new regular advisory member to the Board based upon the following considerations:

- Based on a review of existing Board and Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) membership structure, the additional advisory member would provide beneficial advice and information to the Board on matters of interest to the region that cannot be provided by the existing Board and Policy Advisory Committee membership structure. The existing Board, PAC, and Working Group structure is included in Attachment 2;
- The additional advisory member has land use and/or eminent domain authority;
- The additional advisory member has regional authorities and responsibilities important to the SANDAG mission;
- Membership by the additional advisory member would enhance SANDAG's regional decision-making;
- The additional advisory member desires representation, submits a written request, and commits to participation; and

Action: Approve

The Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the request of the Association of Planning Groups – San Diego County to be appointed as a regular advisory member of the SANDAG Board.

Fiscal Impact:

None. (Advisory Board Members do not receive a stipend or other compensation).

Schedule/Scope Impact:

Any action would be effective on January 1, 2024.

- The additional advisory member is able to agree on the form of representation and who will represent it.

The Association of Planning Groups – San Diego County has addressed how it believes it fulfills these criteria in its attached request letter.

Next Steps

This item is scheduled for consideration by the SANDAG Executive Committee on December 8, 2023 – immediately preceding the Board meeting when this item will be considered.¹ Pending Board approval, the Association of Planning Groups – San Diego County would become an advisory member of the SANDAG Board effective January 1, 2024.

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Attachments:

1. Letter from Association of Planning Groups – San Diego County to Chairwoman Nora Vargas dated November 6, 2023
2. FY 2024 SANDAG Working Groups, and Task Forces List
3. County of San Diego Board of Supervisors, Agenda Item No. 32, Dated May 23, 2023, Adopted a Resolution Supporting the Addition of an Advisory Member to SANDAG

¹ If the recommendation from the Executive Committee varies from what is shown above it will be reported to the Board at the meeting.

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The Executive Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the request of the Association of Planning Groups - San Diego County to be appointed as a regular advisory member of the SANDAG Board.

Alan C. commented on Consent Agenda Item No. 6.

Kathryn Rhodes commented on Consent Agenda Items Nos. 10 and 13.

Paul the Bold commented on Consent Agenda Items Nos. 7 and 9.

Truth commented on each of the Consent Agenda Items.

Consuelo commented on the Consent Agenda Item and how to get involved in the region.

Michael Brando commented on Consent Agenda Item No. 10.

Mark commented on Consent Agenda Items Nos. 6 and 13.

The OriginalDra commented on Consent Agenda Items Nos. 6, 10, and 13.

Blair B. commented on Consent Agenda Items 5, 6, and 10.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Sean Elo-Rivera (City of San Diego), and a second by Vice Chair Lesa Heebner (City of Solana Beach), the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Melanie Burkholder (City of Carlsbad), Councilmember Carolina Chavez (City of Chula Vista), Councilmember John Duncan (City of Coronado), Mayor Bill Wells (City of El Cajon), Mayor Tony Kranz (City of Encinitas), Councilmember Jack Fisher (City of Imperial Beach), Councilmember Jack Shu (City of La Mesa), Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza (City of Lemon Grove), Councilmember Luz Molina (City of National City), Deputy Mayor Ryan Keim (City of Oceanside), Councilmember Caylin Frank (City of Poway), Councilmember Ed Musgrove (City of San Marcos), Mayor John Minto (City of Santee), and Councilmember Katie Melendez (City of Vista).

No: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Terry Gaasterland (City of Del Mar).

Absent: City of Escondido.