

IMPERIAL – MEXICALI BINATIONAL ALLIANCE

AGENDA – 13TH MEETING

DATE: April 10, 2014

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: SDG&E Renewable Energy Resource Center
1452 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Time	Topic	Presented By
10:00 – 10:05 5 min	Welcome and Introductions	IVEDC/ICTC
10:05 – 10:15 10 min	Funding for Calexico West POE – U.S. President’s Budget	Mark Baza ICTC
10:15 – 10:40 25 min	City of Mexicali Bicycle Master Plan	Juventino P. Brambila IMIP
10:40 – 11:05 25 min	Environmental Discussion at POEs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impacts of Idling Vehicles at Calexico West and East POEs• Next Steps of Environmental Work Plan	ICTC/APCD Environmental Protection Agency of Baja California
11:05 – 11:30 25 min	Imperial Valley Economic Development Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cali-Baja• Air Cargo Facility• San Diego – Imperial County Rail	IVEDC
11:30 – 11:35 5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda items for next meeting• Discuss Schedule for future meetings• Next meeting date – June 12, 2014	ICTC
11:35 – 11:45 10 min	Break for Working Lunch	
11:45 – 12:10 25 min	Overview of Mariposa LPOE and Highway Project – Lessons Learned and Innovative Highway Solutions	Dan Marum Wilson & Company, Inc.
12:10	Adjournment	ICTC



The twelfth Imperial – Mexicali Binational Alliance meeting was held on Thursday February 13, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. at El Consejo de Desarrollo Economico de Mexicali (CDEM) in the City of Mexicali. Those in attendance were:

Rene Acuña, Consejo de Desarrollo Económico de Mexicali (CDEM)

Roberto Postlethwaite, CDEM

Tomas Oliva, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Karlo Limon Gonzalez, Secretaria de Infraestructura y Desarrollo Urbano del Estado (SIDUE)

Juventino Perez, (IMIP)

Anthony Kleepe U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)

Abdec Gharai, GSA

Victor Carrillo, Kinsell, Newcombe & De Dios, Inc. (KND)/Safer Communities

Jeff Kinsell, KND/Safer Communities

Valente Merida, CEDEM

Marina Linn, Agencia Aduanal Linn Prop.

Bill Hodge, City of Calexico

Gary Wyatt, County of Imperial

Supervisor John Renison, County of Imperial

Alfredo Garcia, CDI

Daniel Fitzgerald, Imperial Valley Joint Chambers

Miguel Figueroa, Imperial County Workforce Development Board (ICWDB)

Mike Goodsell, City of Holtville

Alexander Meyerhoff, City of Holtville

Beth Landrum, Caltrans

Rene Felix, Office of Congressman Juan Vargas

Bob Ham, Calexico Chamber Border Ad Hoc

Ben Horton, Calexico EDC

Christian Ibarra, (COTUCO)

Ricardo Flores Daniels (COTUCO)

Mark Baza, Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)

Virginia Mendoza, ICTC

Beatriz Cruz, ICTC

Tom E. DuBose, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC)

Cynthia Mancha, IVEDC

Jason Vorderstrasse, U.S. Consulate

Carmen Posada, Mexicali Health Care

Carlos Bonfante, Mexicali Health Care

Ana Luisa Garcia, Mexicali Health Care

Heric Rubio, Imperial Valley Press

Hector M. Lucero Velasco, Secretaria de Protección al Ambiente (SPA)

Carlos Salazar, SPA

Jorge Eugenio Nuñez, Turismo

Ana Maria Valenzuela

Fernando Cerda

Adrian Peña Marin, INAMI

Carmen C. Gordillo, SPA

Carlos Guillen

Discussion

- I. Roberto Postlethwaite, (CDEM)
 - Welcome remarks.

- II. Mark Baza, Executive Director Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC).
 - Overview of the Imperial – Mexicali Binational Alliance.
 - Border infrastructure, Economic Development, and Environmental Issues
 - Miguel Figueroa (ICWDB) gave an update of the New River project. It took approximately 18 months for 17 agencies to identify key issues for AB1079 that impacted both Mexico and the U.S. The U.S. efforts are moving forward with the identified improvements that will address public health and community development surrounding the New River area.
 - Karlo Limon (SIDUE) presented on the previous proposed concept of for realignment of the SENTRI and Ready lanes on the East Port of Entry (POE). Based on coordination with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), realignment of the lanes was determined not feasible due to physical constrains. An additional lane would need to be added to provide enough space for Recreational Vehicles/Trailers and buses. Further discussions will be held with GSA to look at the opportunity of financing an addition vehicle lane at the East POE.
 - Tom E. DuBose (IVEDC) gave an overview of Cali Baja San Diego County /Imperial County/Baja California, Mexico workgroup.
 - Becoming a powerful workgroup by working together
 - Goods movement within the region
 - Jeff Kinsell (KND/Safer Communities)
 - Update for public private partnership (P3) for funding of the West POE
 - Continued discussion at the congressional level in an effort to create a P3 opportunity
 - Carlos Lopez (SIDUE)
 - Update on the border crossing – Mexicali Rio Nuevo
 - 1st Phase of work has been completed
 - Completion of the POE project is contingent on funding for the U.S. improvements of the Calexico West POE
 - Anthony Kleepe (GSA)
 - Overview of full renovation and expansion of the Calexico West POE and short term pedestrian improvements
 - Seeking funding for Phase I of the renovation/expansion of the Calexico West POE
 - Estimated construction cost for the Calexico West POE Pedestrian expansion is estimated between 1 to 3 million
 - Mayor Bill Hodge (City of Calexico)
 - Requested that a factsheet for the Alliance be created so that it can be used to promote the expansions of the Calexico LPOEs

- III. Environmental
 - Overview of air quality (Environmental Protection Agency of the State of Baja)
 - Health disadvantages such as premature death, Cancer, Chronic Bronchitis, Asthma, among other air quality related illnesses

- Economic disadvantages are decrease in productivity and increase in employee medical cost
- Regulations
 - Implementation of laws and regulations
 - Industrial/Commercial Licenses
 - Industrial/Commercial Audits
- Pilot project 2014
 - Green Shield Pilot Program would include pavement and green vegetation to 1-2 kilometers
 - Roberto Postlethwaite mentioned if there was any Federal or State environmental incentives in Mexico for purchase of Hybrid or Natural Gas vehicles
 - At this time no incentive are being offered by the Mexican Government

IV. Carlos Bonfante (Mexicali Health Care Medical Cluster)

- Description of Mission, Vision, and Accomplishments of the Mexicali Health Care Medical Cluster
- Overview of proposed Mexicali Health Care District
- There was interest by the Alliance members to continue the discussion of the medical cluster and possible partnerships with U.S.

Next Meeting

- Proposed agenda items:
 1. Presentation from IMIP on the City of Mexicali's Bicycle Master Plan
 2. Continuation of environmental discussion
- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2014 in Imperial County