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SANBAG elects new officers for coming year

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – At the June 2, 2010, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) Board of Directors meeting, the new president and vice president for the coming fiscal year 2010-2011 were elected. San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt was elected SANBAG president and City of Grand Terrace Council Member Bea Cortes was elected as vice-president. Both will serve one year terms beginning July 1.

SANBAG is the county's transportation planning agency and council of governments. The 29-member Board of Directors is comprised of an elected official or mayor from each of the 24 incorporated cities in the county, along with all five members of the Board of Supervisors.

Outgoing SANBAG President Paul Eaton, Mayor of Montclair, conducted the election of officers for the Board. The SANBAG presidency and vice presidency positions rotate between the Board of Supervisors and elected city officials representing different areas of the county, including east valley, west valley, and mountain/desert regions.

"This will be a challenging and productive year," stated Supervisor Mitzelfelt. "I look forward to working with all of the member cities and towns to maximize state and federal funding for transportation, and to work creatively to streamline the approval process for important projects." He served as SANBAG vice president during the past year.

Supervisor Mitzelfelt has been a county supervisor since January 2007 when he was appointed to fill a vacancy in his district. He was elected to his current four-year term in June 2008. Supervisor Mitzelfelt is also chairman of the High Desert Corridor Authority, chairman of the Victor Valley Economic Development



County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt and Grand Terrace City Council Member Bea Cortes were elected president and vice-president of SANBAG for the coming year.

Authority, and vice-chairman of the Quadstate Local Governments Authority and the Local Agency Formation Commission. Mitzelfelt is a resident of Wrightwood.

Council Member Cortes has served on the SANBAG Board ever since she was elected to the City of Grand Terrace City Council in 2002. During her eight years on the Board, she has been a member of SANBAG's Major Projects Committee, Commuter Rail Committee, Plans and Programs Committee, and the Administrative Committee. In 2008, Cortes was named SANBAG's subregional appointee to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and serves on SCAG's Community Economic and Human Development Committee. Cortes has lived in Grand Terrace since 1972.

"I look forward to the opportunity to serve as SANBAG's vice-president in the coming year," stated Council Member Cortes. "I am delighted to work with dedicated SANBAG board members who are committed to finding solutions to the region's transportation needs. In addition, I am honored to be the first elected official from the City of Grand Terrace to serve in an officer's position on the SANBAG Board."

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