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Dear Keith:

I would like to thank you, Steve Erie, and members of the Regional Workbench Consortium (RWBC) for hosting the Regional Planning Committee's May 2nd meeting at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography to showcase the cutting-edge technological tools that currently are being developed. The Committee truly enjoyed the off-site meeting. Having the opportunity to view the solid terrain model at the Martin House and the technological tools at the Visualization Theatre was phenomenal. I would like to thank you, in particular, however, for coordinating the details with the SANDAG staff to make the meeting happen.

From the Regional Planning Committee's perspective, it was interesting to think about how the visualization technologies might be applied to the preparation of the RCP, especially with regard to the 3-D Regional Canvass for the San Diego/Tijuana region, which shows such large amounts of information in such an easily understood manner. The online interactive mapping capabilities also were very interesting, and could have applications to the environmental justice and social equity piece of the RCP, in particular.

We also enjoyed the Accessible Visualization Project, which provided a glimpse of the potential for applying "quick time" panoramas to local and regional planning projects. And we also enjoyed the infrared image land use history of our border region, which showed the extent and rapidity of our urban development over time.

Thank you again for inviting us to experience, first hand, these innovative efforts that link planning and policy-making to science and technology in our region. We are pleased that you are so actively involved in the Stakeholders Working Group, and we hope that you continue to participate in all of our meetings, as well.

Sincerely,

HON. LORI HOLT PFEILER

Chair, SANDAG's Regional Planning Committee

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