

SUBJECT: Biographical Sketch – Mike McLaughlin

Mike McLaughlin has been the Director of Planning for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), for the past ten years. His responsibilities include directing a wide range of regional planning activities including preparation and coordination of binational planning activities, environmental management processes, housing markets and plans preparation, habitat and open space conservation, and land use planning and urban design studies. This work also includes preparation of regional strategies for growth and growth management related issues. Prior to working for SANDAG, he was a city planner in Columbus, Ohio, and directed the community development planning program and established its first community planning program.

Mr. McLaughlin has an undergraduate degree and a master's degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University and a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from the Ohio State University. He is currently on the Advisory Board for the Government Technology Corporation, Regional Homeless Task Force, and teaches planning and housing classes at San Diego State University. He has made numerous presentations and guest lectures on growth and growth management planning and coordination in a variety of government, academic and private sector venues. He is active in the American Planning Association where he has served in a variety of positions including section director and national awards jurist.