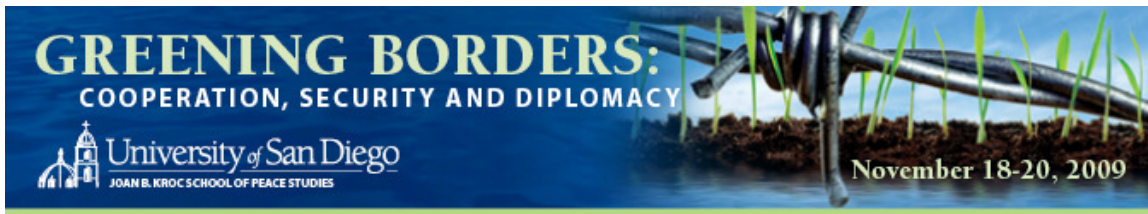


Outline of the Notes
Working Session III “Greening the Border”
(Consensus-building workshop)
November 20, 2009

1. Vision of a Green Border

Proposed question: Capture your aspirations for a Green Border. What would it actually look like (envision high and broad)?

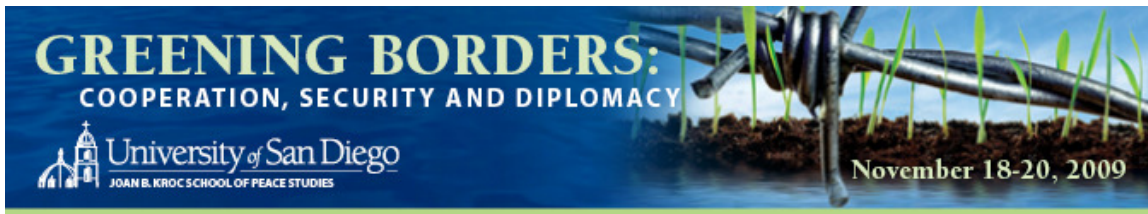
- No Wall by 2050
- World Model → Sustainability
- Watershed Commonwealth
- Watershed Forum
- Solid Waste – Infrastructure
- Education – Environment
- One Ecological Region
- Natural Flows:
 - Water
 - Wild life/ Justice
 - Money
- Shared Responsibilities beyond politics
- No Line/No Fence
- No Physical Boundary
- Binational Watershed
- One Planning Agency
- Healthy Ecology
- ‘Bitchin’ Recreation (Awesome)
- Safety:
 - Public Health
 - Integrity
- New Maquiladora Economic Model
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Compatible Land Use
- Law/Order – Enforcement
- Personal:
 - Responsibility
 - Consumerism (especially in California)



2. Ingredients of a Dynamic Group that You Enjoyed Working With

Proposed question: Remember a positive experience working in a group of people who had to make a decision; where afterwards you left with a great sense of satisfaction. Please describe the ingredients/characteristics of such group?

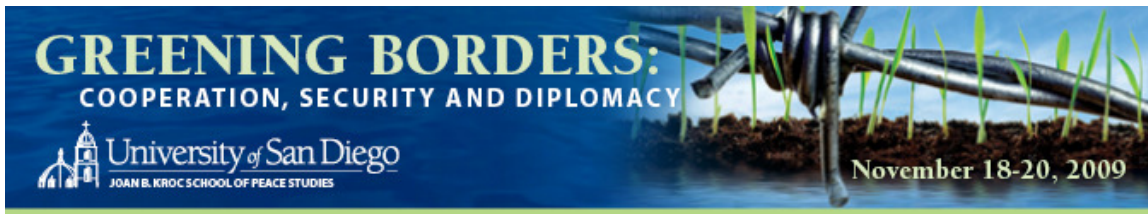
- Dynamic Group
- Joint Alertness + Urgency
- Recognition → Human Integrity
- Equal Appreciation
- Philosophy of inclusion → Equal Partner, Shared Responsibility
- Cross – Disciplinary
- Complimentary of Expertise
- Preparation for the Meeting
- Institutional Memory
- Sense of Humor
- Intellectual Firepower → Intelligent Knowledgeable People
- “Bastante Vino”
- Personal Relationship (Outside Work Framework)
- Tangible Results
- Good Time Management
- Focusing on a Goal
- Fair + Transparent Process
- Self Motivating
- Ant Farms
- Busy People
- Common Objective



3. Concrete Steps to support a Dynamic Group

Proposed Question: Please describe concrete steps that need to be taken to support such a Dynamic Group to meet visions of a Green Borders?

- Transboundary working group with stakeholders and change agents;
- Product from Ground up → Catalyst to move political will (Identify success stories of collaboration between US/Mexico; once that's done use it as a tool to engage politicians to rethink the border;
- Interactive system for the whole watershed;
- Sharing and Transferring Knowledge and Data into Binational Depository of Information;
- Icon/ Mascot;
- Technological Solutions for Storm Water re-use:
 - Regulation: enforces or facilitated
 - Existing Treaties – More power in Decision Making
 - Legislation – Raise Profile`
- Accountability:
 - Legal Recourse for the civil society groups on the Mexico side to hold violators accountable;
 - Unfair Funding model for the National Commission on Environmental Cooperation set under NAFTA; Better Funding Distribution
- Continue Dialog + Momentum
- Increase Connections
- Start small + build on ALL group skills
- Electronic Connection
- Be aware that Priorities → Not same in Mexico and US:
- Identify Mutual Interest / Priorities
- Create Incentives, Investments – Mutual benefits
- Political Will
- Interactive Website/ Dynamic group – Can Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team be that?
- Tijuana Valley Recover Team:
 - Existing website
 - Team meets monthly
 - How to and who should be added



- Engage + Integrate with groups in Mexico
- Resource Allocation from US:
 - Money for Wastewater Treatment (Matching finances from Mexico City)
 - Expand to other water issues;
- Communication:
 - Email
 - Personal
 - Physical presence
 - With all stakeholders
- Convener:
 - Constant communication by convener
 - Institutional support
- Pressure to Politicians
 - Accountability
- Smart border 2010
 - Secure and Rapid
 - Transit Across Border
 - One of many
- Unified Voice to get Groups Together
 - To Influence Both Governments
 - Network
 - Articulate Vision
 - Define Group Completely
 - Develop Personal Relationships
 - Establish Action Items.