

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 93-131

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION ENCOURAGE THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT POTENTIAL ADVERSE WATER QUALITY IMPACTS FROM THE PROPOSED NEW PORT OF ENTRY DO NOT OCCUR

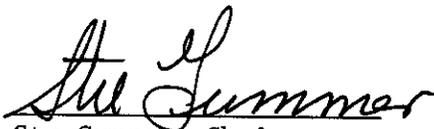
- WHEREAS, the Alamo River, which flows northward across the International Boundary from Mexico into California's Imperial Valley presently consists of a small amount of agricultural return flows from Mexico; and
- WHEREAS, the Alamo River at the International Boundary is relatively unpolluted at this location; and
- WHEREAS, the General Services Administration (GSA) is proposing a new Port of Entry to be located east of Calexico, near the Alamo River; and
- WHEREAS, if the new Port of Entry is built at this location, growth in Mexicali in this vicinity will occur and significant pollution from this growth will likely impact the Alamo River; and
- WHEREAS, attempts to correct similar pollution problems in Mexicali for the New River watershed have not been successful; and
- WHEREAS, the solution preferred by this Regional Board is elimination of all Mexican discharges into the Alamo River;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado River Basin Regional Board requests that:

1. The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission encourage the General Services Administration and other appropriate agencies to develop specific measures to ensure that the potential adverse water quality impacts from the proposed new Port of Entry do not occur.
2. The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission explore all reasonable means to enact immediate measures to eliminate all sources of flow into the Alamo River from Mexico.

3. The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, in respect to the measures considered in No. 1 above, obtain at a minimum a commitment by GSA for contingency plans including retention works where the Alamo River crosses the border, to be utilized in the event that polluted flows from Mexico enter the Alamo River.
4. Certified copies of this resolution be sent to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, the State Water Resources Control Board, and to others.

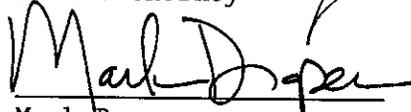
This Resolution was adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, at its regular meeting on September 15, 1993.

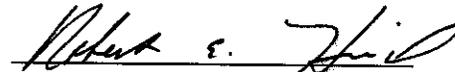

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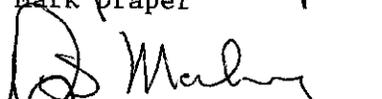

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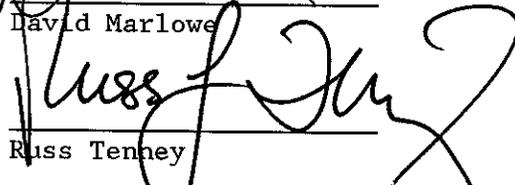

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