

RESOLUTION NO. 204491 DEC 21 1971

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 1966 authorized a joint project between the United States and Mexico for flood control on the Tia Juana River and has subsequently appropriated funds for design of the United States portion of the project and for the first phase of construction; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Tia Juana River flood control project has been authorized by the California Legislature and endorsed by the County of San Diego, The City of San Diego and the City of Imperial Beach; and

WHEREAS, the project as authorized would construct a concrete-lined channel along the southerly edge of the Tia Juana River Valley from the international border at San Ysidro to the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the draft Environmental Statement for the project prepared for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers by Ocean Science and Engineering, Inc., raises questions about possible adverse effects which would result from construction of a lined channel; and

WHEREAS, the United States, the State of California, the County of San Diego, The City of San Diego, the City of Imperial Beach and other public agencies participated in a federally funded study which led to the adoption of the Border Area Plan in 1967, which plan included a flood control channel in the alignment proposed for the authorized project; and

WHEREAS, the Border Area Plan recommended development of an international border beach park in the Tia Juana River Valley and the Federal Government has now conveyed to the State of California for park and recreation purposes the former United States Navy Border Field facility as an initial step in implementing this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Border Area Plan recommended development of a marina in the Tia Juana River Estuary and the State of California Resources Agency has since indicated its concern for maintaining the natural resource value of the estuary; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the estuarine resource may alter the benefit-cost ratio presently ascribed to the flood control project; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego has included in its work program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 a restudy of the Border Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature by Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 65 (1971 regular session) directed the Resources Agency to participate with The City of San Diego, the City of Imperial Beach and the County of San Diego in a joint review of land uses in the Tia Juana River Valley and report findings and recommendations to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Comprehensive Planning Organization during the course of its clearing house review of the draft Environmental Statement expressed concern about

possible adverse effects from construction of a lined flood control channel and urged that the Border Area Plan be reevaluated and that a study be conducted to determine the value of the Tia Juana River Estuary as a regional resource; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Ream Field Naval Air Station may alter land use concepts for the Tia Juana River Valley; and

WHEREAS, a study is underway to determine the need for an additional international border crossing point in the area between San Ysidro and the Pacific Ocean and if a new crossing is warranted, the crossing facility and the access highway to the location will have an impact upon land use in the Tia Juana River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Report on Flood Control - Tijuana River Basin, California, prepared by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers under date of May 1, 1964, as amended July 9, 1965, and which was the basis for congressional authorization of the flood control project, does not present a thorough analysis of the alternates to a concrete-lined channel; and

WHEREAS, local citizens have expressed concern that environmental factors are not being adequately considered in evaluating alternate plans for control of flood waters; and

WHEREAS, the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, has requested The City of San Diego to proceed immediately with acquisition of right of way for the first phase of construction of the flood control project in

accordance with its commitment of local participation expressed in Council Resolutions Nos. 180058 (adopted May 21, 1964), 184420 (adopted July 29, 1965), and 201618 (adopted January 12, 1971); and

WHEREAS, time should be allowed for an in-depth analysis of alternate plans for control of flood waters on the Tia Juana River, for additional study of ecological factors prior to finalization of the Environmental Statement, and for a review and update of the Border Area Plan in light of developments that have occurred since its formulation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego as follows:

1. The City Manager is directed to suspend action to acquire right of way for the Tia Juana River flood control project until such time as an updated Border Area Plan has been approved by the City Council.

2. The City Manager and the Planning Director are directed to participate with the State of California Resources Agency and other affected government entities in a review and update of the Border Area Plan approved by the Council on November 9, 1967, and to submit to the Council through the Planning Commission at the earliest practicable date recommended revisions to the Border Area Plan.

3. The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

are requested to reconsider the 1964 Report on Flood Control - Tijuana River Basin, California, in light of developments since that date and to develop and analyze in detail feasible alternates to construction of a concrete-lined channel for consideration by the State of California, The City of San Diego and other interested governmental agencies and community groups.

4. The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers are requested to suspend finalization of the Environmental Statement and expand the analysis of effects of construction of the Tia Juana River flood control project to include an evaluation of effects under the alternate solutions developed in a reconsideration of the 1964 project report.

5. At this time, The City of San Diego suspends its support of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' proposed concrete flood channel from the international border along Monument Road to the Pacific Ocean.

6. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is further requested to hold public hearings to consider all alternatives to the present proposed design.

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