

RESOLUTION NO. 209127 OCT 30 1973

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 Impact 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 Border Area Plan recommended development of an international border 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 State of California Resources Agency, in response to ACR 65, prepared a review report of land uses in the Tia Juana Valley, and said report recommended that the lower Tia Juana Valley be preserved, especially the estuary and the beach areas; that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers abandon the concrete flood control channel concept; and that the State of California and local governmental bodies explore alternatives for acquisition of an enlarged Border Area Park; and

WHEREAS, The San Diego County Comprehensive Planning Organization, during the course of its clearinghouse review of the draft Environmental Impact 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 a study conducted to determine the value of the estuary as a regional resource; 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 alternatives to a concrete-lined channel; and

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WHEREAS, Council by Resolution No. 204491 on December 21, 1971 withdrew support for the authorized project, requesting the International Boundary and Water Commission to develop feasible alternatives to the concrete-lined channel and directed City staff to participate with the California Resources Agency and other affected governmental agencies in a review and update of the Border Area Plan as approved by Council on November 9, 1967; and

WHEREAS, City staff, in response to Council's direction, prepared a report on Tia Juana River Valley Land Use and Flood Control Alternatives (based on alternatives proposed by the International Boundary and Water Commission in its letter of February 5, 1972), which report was issued in May, 1973, and recommended a flood control facility which would retain the eastern portion of the valley largely for agricultural use and allow preservation of most of the western portion in its natural state; and

WHEREAS, Council, in conference on July 13, 1973 and in public hearings on July 24 and August 23, considered the various alternatives; and, following extensive public testimony, by Resolution No. 208684 approved the land use and flood control alternative described and identified in the abovementioned report as "Alternative III-A"; and

WHEREAS, the International Boundary and Water Commission, in recognition of the construction schedule of channel improvements within the City of Tijuana, now estimated to be completed in the fall of 1974, has requested the City Council to express by resolution its preference for a flood control facility on the Tia Juana River within the United States; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1. The International Boundary and Water Commission is informed, by copy of this resolution, that The City of San Diego supports the flood control facility described and identified in the Report entitled "Tia Juana River Valley Land Use and Flood Control Alternatives," May, 1973, as Alternative III-A, and, in particular, the southerly alignment of this facility as proposed in the Commission's letter of February 5, 1972.
2. The aforesaid Commission is requested to provide at an early date the necessary construction drawings, environmental impact statement, and right-of-way acquisition plats necessary to proceed with a project to provide the flood control facility described above.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By   
Frederick C. Conrad, Chief Deputy

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AUTHENTICATED BY:

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 Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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EDWARD NIELSEN  
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By Helena J. Angerum, Deputy.

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