

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-270489

ADOPTED ON MARCH 7, 1988

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that it be and it is hereby certified that the information contained in ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT (EIR/EID), EQD File No. 87-0638, in connection with the SOUTH BAY LAND OUTFALL "BIG PIPE" PROJECT, on file in the office of the City Clerk, has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and the State guidelines thereto, and that said Report has been reviewed and considered by this Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to California Public Resources Code, Section 21081, the City Council hereby adopts the findings made with respect to the feasibility of the mitigating measures and project alternatives and the statements of overriding considerations, if any, contained within the said ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT (EIR/EID), EQD File No. 87-0638, with the following additional measures:

- 1) Restoration of riparian and wetland habitats is an art which is still evolving, and has not been demonstrated to be consistently and fully effective. To ensure that the biological value of the restored habitat will be at least as great as that which presently exists, the mitigation program should be revised to use all of the 3.4-acre City-owned mitigation site, instead of

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just a 2.4-acre portion, as a location for creation of new wetlands (including riparian woodland).

2) During the past few years there has been a great deal of grading and filling of wetlands in the Tia Juana River Valley which has occurred without benefit of permits from the City, State, or Federal governments. The City Attorney, City Engineer, and Planning Director should aggressively identify properties where illegal grading has taken place, and initiate enforcement activities. Enforcement should include retroactive permits which require mitigation for the habitat losses which occurred at the time of the grading. There should be a report back to the Transportation and Land use Committee in six (6) weeks with the status and results of the investigation and enforcement effort.

3) Because of the length of time involved in reestablishing wetland habitat, and the objective to minimize the period of time during which the acreage of habitat in the valley is diminished, the mitigation program should require that mitigation activities, including revegetation on the 3.4-acre City-owned property, will begin immediately upon commencement of construction, not after completion of construction.

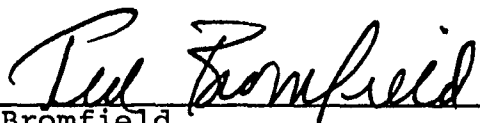
4) The EIR indicates that the alignment of the Big Pipe will avoid the Pacific Estuarine Research Laboratory property. Such an alignment is a requirement of this approval.

5) The Environmental Impact Report's responses to public comments suggests that the period of maintenance and monitoring for the restored wetlands will be only ninety (90) days. In order to ensure the successful restoration of wetland vegetation

this period must be of at least three (3) years duration, and require that weedy species be regularly removed, that dead plants be replaced, and that irrigation be continued until the plants have become successfully established. The maintenance and monitoring program should also require that revegetation be done to the satisfaction of the City, and the State and Federal wildlife agencies. Each of the three agencies should be a participant in an oversight committee which reviews the mitigation effort, and has the authority to direct the mitigation contractor to make adjustments and corrections to the restoration effort as the need becomes apparent.

6) The impacts of dewatering have not yet been fully defined. After the engineering plans have been completed and the effects of dewatering have been further analyzed, and before construction is authorized to begin, the project should return to Council for approval of additional mitigation to compensate for the impacts of dewatering.

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Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR,
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Ellen Boward, Deputy.

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