

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291448

ADOPTED ON MAR 30 1999

WHEREAS, the International Boundary & Water Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency were engaged in preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement [SEIS] for Long-Term Treatment Options to reevaluate secondary wastewater treatment options for the South Bay International Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the options considered were: (1) activated sludge/no action; (2) activated sludge with flow equalization; (3) activated sludge with expanded capacity; (4) completely mixed aerated system; (5) advanced integrated pond system; (6) advanced primary only; and (7) partial secondary treatment; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1999, the Council of The City of San Diego adopted Resolution Number R-291250 urging the International Boundary & Water Commission [IBWC] and the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] to include the Bajagua Project, consisting of building the same complete mixed aerated ponds in the Republic of Mexico, as one of the options in the SEIS; and

WHEREAS, both the Mayor and the City Attorney of San Diego relayed the City's recommendation to the IBWC and the EPA; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 1999, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein strongly urged the IBWC and the EPA to include the Bajagua Project in the SEIS; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 1999, both Congressmen Brian Bilbray and Bob Filner strongly urged the IBWC and the EPA to include the Bajagua Project in the SEIS; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 1999, the IBWC and the EPA released the Final SEIS recommending construction of "a series of secondary treatment ponds . . . on a 36 acre site . . ." within the United States and the City of San Diego to treat Tijuana sewage and omitting a meaningful review of the Bajagua Project; and

WHEREAS, federal law provides a thirty-day public comment period starting from the day of publication of the SEIS; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to have careful review and detailed comment on the adequacy of both the SEIS and the secondary treatment alternatives;

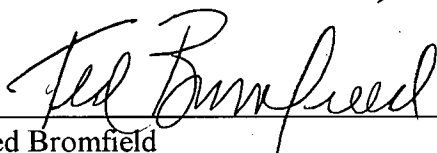
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that Resolution Number R-291250 is hereby reiterated and reaffirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego opposes the IBWC / EPA preferred alternative of using open, land-intensive treatment ponds in proximity to residential and commercial developments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager or his designee is directed to request a minimum of a 15-day extension to the public comment period to the IBWC and the EPA on this matter to ensure and provide for the widest range of public review, comments, and participation.

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