

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 93-130

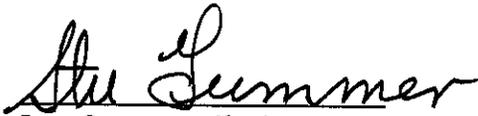
REQUESTING THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION TO EXPEDITE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CORRECTIVE PROJECTS IN MEXICALI AS SPECIFIED IN MINUTE NO. 288

- WHEREAS, the New River, which flows northward across the International Boundary from Mexico into California's Imperial Valley contains raw and inadequately treated sewage, toxic industrial wastes, garbage and other solid wastes, and animal wastes out of the Mexicali area of Mexico; and
- WHEREAS, in August of 1980, Minute No. 264 to the Mexican-American Water Treaty was signed which specified a time schedule for completing works that were to result in a full cleanup of the River and which specified minimal water quality standards for the New River.
- WHEREAS, Mexico made efforts to upgrade Mexicali's wastewater collection and treatment system, but these efforts were not sufficient to correct all pollution in the River; and
- WHEREAS, on October 30, 1992, Minute No. 288 was signed by the Commissioners titled "Conceptual Plan for the Long Term Solution to the Border Sanitation Problem of the New River at Calexico, CA - Mexicali, Baja California" setting forth a long-term solution to the International pollution problems; and
- WHEREAS, Minute No. 288 recommends that:
1. Within a period of approximately six months of the approval of the Minute, plans for components of the conceptual plan for the long-term solution to the pollution problems be developed, and
 2. Within 90 days from the approval of the plans by the Commissioners, a new Minute be concluded that specifies the specific projects and schedules of works, and actions contemplated in the conceptual plan, including financing sources.

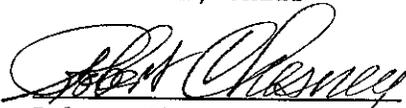
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado River Basin Regional Board requests that:

1. The International Boundary and Water Commission immediately seek sufficient funding from the governments of the United States and Mexico to implement the pollution control projects specified in Minute No. 288.
2. The International Boundary and Water Commission continue progress toward developing and implementing corrective projects in Mexicali to address the New River pollution problems as expediently as possible.
3. 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.

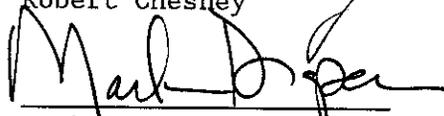
This Resolution was adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, at its regular meeting on September 15, 1993.

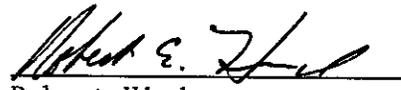

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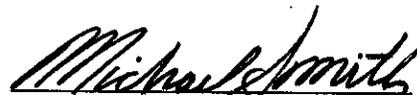

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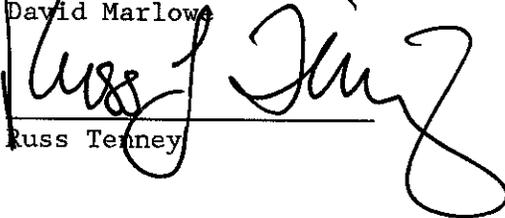

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