

**REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
DECEMBER 11, 2019**

ITEM 9

SUBJECT

Tentative Resolution: Joint Resolution Between the County of San Diego, City of San Diego, City of Imperial Beach, City of Chula Vista, City of Coronado, Port of San Diego, San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, California State Lands Commission, and Surfrider Foundation (Surfrider) Recommending Project Alternatives and Federal and State Actions To Eliminate Detrimental Transboundary Flows of Wastes in the Tijuana River Valley (Tentative Resolution No. 6R9-2019-0246). *(David Gibson)*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of Tentative Resolution No. R9-2019-0246 is recommended.

KEY ISSUE

State and local agencies have identified shared priorities for projects to restore and maintain the waters of the Tijuana River, Estuary, and Pacific Ocean. These priorities are shared between agencies that have filed litigation against the International Boundary and Water Commission (San Diego Water Board, City of San Diego, State Lands Commission, City of Imperial Beach, City of Chula Vista, Port of San Diego, and Surfrider) and those that have not filed litigation (County of San Diego and City of Coronado).

PRACTICAL VISION

The proposed projects identified in the tentative Resolution would protect key beneficial uses of recreation and aquatic habitat in a key area from transboundary flows of wastes.

DISCUSSION

A joint tentative Resolution has been developed by state and local agencies identifying preferred Project Alternatives described in the Senate Bill 507 Needs and Opportunities Assessment (SB 507 NOA) being prepared by the County of San Diego and the San Diego Water Board. Local agencies that will consider adopting this Resolution include the City of Imperial Beach, San Diego Unified Port District, City of San Diego, City of Chula Vista, City of Coronado, and County of San Diego. Of the 27 project alternatives evaluated by the County of San Diego pursuant to SB 507, Project Alternative D (Diversion of up to 163 million gallons per day to new South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant for Primary Treatment and Discharge to Deep Ocean through the South Bay Ocean Outfall, plus additional storage at New San Ysidro Basin) is the highest priority. In addition, SB 507 NOA Project Alternative K for management of sediment and trash in the Main Channel by IBWC is recommended. The SB 507 NOA Project alternatives for Goat Canyon (Project Alternatives N and R) and Smuggler's Gulch (Project Alternatives M and P) are recommended for improved diversion, sediment, and trash management.

LEGAL CONCERNS

None.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The agenda notice for today's meeting was posted on the San Diego Water Board's website and sent to subscribers to the email list for Board meetings. This satisfies the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requirements to publish the meeting notice and agenda.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Tentative Resolution No. R9-2019-0246
2. Briefing documents: Transboundary Sewage Flows Along the U.S.-Mexico Border in San Diego County & How Do We Fix This?
3. [Potential Projects in the Main Tijuana River](#)
4. [Tijuana River Needs and Opportunities Assessment – Alternative Evaluation Matrix \(Draft\) 10/24/2019.](#)