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Citizens Forum
January 20, 2011

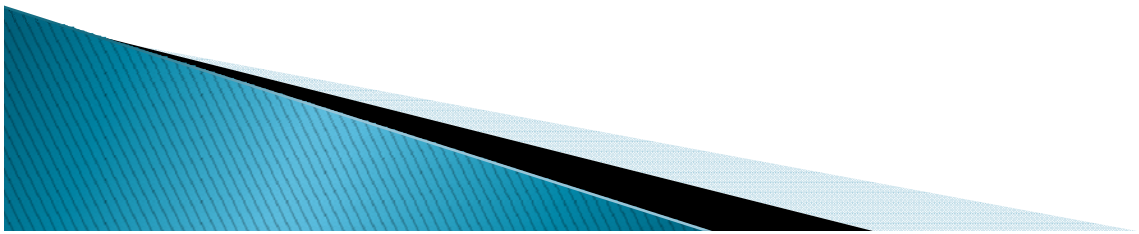
U.S. IBWC Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide binational solutions to issues that arise during the application of United States - Mexico treaties regarding boundary demarcation, national ownership of waters, sanitation, water quality, and flood control in the border region

Agenda

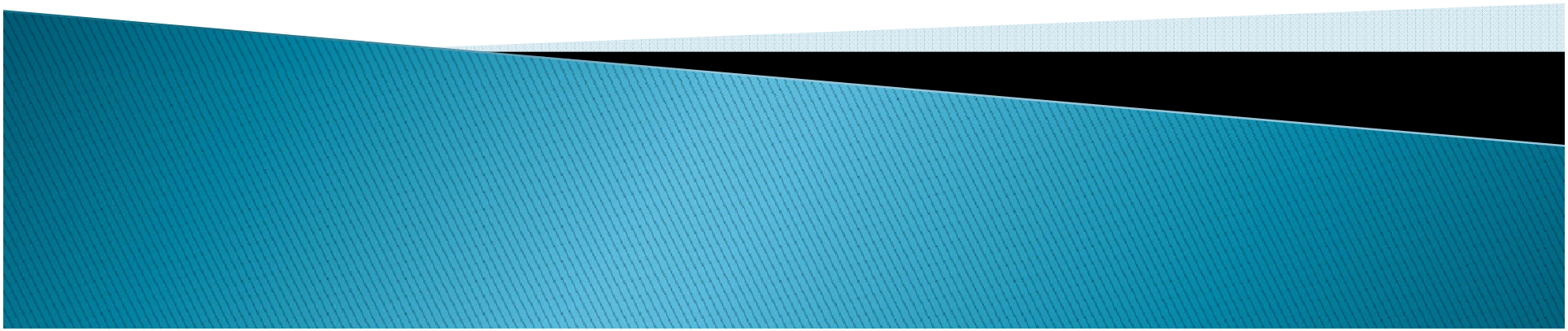
- Water Quality Issues Affecting the Tijuana River Valley

  - Steve Smullen, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
  - Bruce Shafer, Community Plans Liaison at NAVY Base Coronado
  - Gabriel Duran, Engineer Planner, USIBWC
  - Public Comment
  - Board Discussion
  - Suggested Future Agenda Items



IBWC Minutes

Regarding the San Diego/Tijuana Region



INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juárez, Chih.,
November 30, 1965.

MINUTE NO. 222

EMERGENCY CONNECTION OF THE SEWAGE SYSTEM - OF THE CITY OF TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA TO THE METROPOLITAN SEWAGE SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. ----------

The Commission met in the offices of - the Mexican Section at Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, at 10:00 a.m. on November 30, 1965, to consider an emergency connection of the Sewage System of the City of Tijuana, Baja California, to the Metropolitan Sewage System of the City of San Diego, California. -

The Commission reviewed the "Joint Re-

COMISION INTERNACIONAL DE LIMITES Y AGUAS
ENTRE MEXICO Y ESTADOS UNIDOS

Ciudad Juárez, Chih.,
30 de noviembre de 1965

ACTA NUM. 222

CONEXION DE EMERGENCIA DEL SISTEMA DE ALCANTARILLADO DE LA CIUDAD DE TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, AL SISTEMA METROPOLITANO DE ALCANTARILLADO DE LA CIUDAD DE SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. ----------

La Comisión se reunió en las oficinas - de la Sección Mexicana, en Ciudad Juárez, -- Chihuahua, a las diez horas del 30 de noviembre de 1965, para considerar una conexión de emergencia del Sistema de Alcantarillado de la ciudad de Tijuana, Baja California, al -- Sistema Metropolitano de Alcantarillado de - la ciudad de San Diego, California. --------

La Comisión revisó el "Informe Mancomu-

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

El Paso, Texas,
June 19, 1967.

MINUTE NO. 225

CHANNELIZATION OF THE TIJUANA RIVER

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section at El Paso, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on June 19, 1967, to consider the measures required for solution of the flood problem caused by the Tijuana River in the adjoining border cities of San Diego and Imperial Beach, California and Tijuana, Baja California.

The Commission reviewed Article 16 of the 1944 Water Treaty relating to the Tijuana River, which provides among other matters that the Commission shall submit flood control plans to the two Governments for their approval, and that the two Governments through their respective Sections of the Commission shall construct such of the proposed works as are approved by the two Governments.

Minute No. 289

El Paso, Texas
November 13, 1992

OBSERVATION OF THE QUALITY OF THE WATERS ALONG THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO BORDER

The International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) met in the offices of the United States Section at 8:00 p.m. in El Paso, Texas on November 13, 1992 to consider the recommendations of United States Section Principal Engineer Conrad G. Keyes, Jr. and Mexican Section Principal Engineer Luis Antonio Rascon Mendoza regarding a proposed program of sampling and analyses of the waters of the Rio Grande in the international reach from El Paso, Texas - Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua to the Gulf of Mexico with the objective of determining the presence of toxic substances, in the context of agreements and understandings between the United States and Mexico for the observation of the quality of the waters along the United States/Mexico border.

The Commissioners observed that a United States - Mexico program for observation of the quality of the waters of the Rio

Minute No. 294

November 24, 1995
El Paso, Texas

FACILITIES PLANNING PROGRAM FOR THE SOLUTION OF BORDER SANITATION PROBLEMS

The Commission met at 10 a.m. on November 24, 1995 in the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas to consider the need to support communities in the United States and Mexico border area in the development of their wastewater treatment infrastructure project plans for solution of border sanitation problems to enhance such plan's eligibility for certification by the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) and for financing by international financial organizations that request BECC certification.

The Commissioners made note of the obligation of the governments of the United States and Mexico entrusted to the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) in Article 3 of the Treaty for Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande, signed February 3, 1944, to give preferential attention to border sanitation problems. They also observed that this obligation is further developed in IBWC Minute No. 261 entitled

Minute No. 298

El Paso, Texas
December 2, 1997

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WORKS PARALLEL TO THE CITY OF TIJUANA, B.C. WASTEWATER PUMPING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND REHABILITATION OF THE SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BUENOS TREATMENT PLANT

The Commission met at 1:00 p.m. in the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas on December 2, 1997 to consider the proposed construction of works parallel to the City of Tijuana, Baja California wastewater pumping and disposal system and rehabilitation of the San Antonio de los Buenos Treatment Plant which was certified by the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) at the public meeting of its Board of Directors held on June 18, 1997 in Mexicali, B.C.

The Commissioners observed that these works would complement the collection and treatment works established by the United States and Mexico in IBWC No. 270, "Recommendations for the Stage I Disposal and Treatment Works for the Solution of the Border

Minute No. 299

Cd. Juárez, Chih
December 3, 199

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION SUPPORT TO THE BORDER ENVIRONMENT COOPERATION COMMISSION IN DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS FOR THE SOLUTION OF BORDER SANITATION PROBLEMS

The Commission met at 2:00 p.m. on December 3, 1998 in the headquarters offices of the Mexican Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) in Ciudad Juárez Chihuahua, to consider provision of support to the Border Environment Cooperation Commissior (BECC) regarding development of infrastructure projects for the solution of border sanitatior problems.

The two Commissioners referred to Chapter I, Article III, Section 6 of the Agreemen between the United States and Mexico Concerning the Establishment of a Border Environmen Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank (NADBank) signed ir Washington, D.C. on November 16, 1993 and in Mexico, D.F. on November 18, 1993. Sectior

El Paso, Texas
February 20, 2004

MINUTE NO. 311

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SECONDARY TREATMENT IN MEXICO OF THE SEWAGE EMANATING FROM THE TIJUANA RIVER AREA IN BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO

The Commission met at the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas on February 20, 2004 at 1:30 p.m., to address the construction in Mexico of a plant and related facilities for secondary treatment of sewage emanating from the Tijuana River area in Mexico that flows untreated into the United States or is partially treated at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP) located in San Ysidro, California.

The Commissioners noted the stipulations in the Treaty between the United States of America and the United Mexican States for the "Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande," signed February 3, 1944, as they relate to the obligation of both Governments to provide preferential attention to the solution of border