

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Tijuana, Baja California
October 14, 1999

Minute No. 301

**JOINT COLORADO RIVER WATER CONVEYANCE
PLANNING LEVEL STUDY FOR THE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA -TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA REGION**

The Commission met in Tijuana, Baja California at 11 a.m. on October 14, 1999 to consider the terms for coordinating a joint planning level study by state authorities in California and state and federal authorities of Baja California for Colorado River water supply conveyance options in the United States and in Mexico or partly in each country, to the San Diego, California and Tijuana, Baja California region. Such study would generate basic information for use by the proper authorities in each country in potential water supply decisions.

The two Commissioners noted the interest in such planning level study expressed by the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and Mexico's National Water Commission and the State of Baja California and the willingness of the SDCWA to provide the financial resources to cover costs of the referenced study. The Commissioners also noted the duties, powers and responsibilities entrusted by the Governments of the United States and Mexico to the International Boundary and Water Commission. Specifically, they noted those provisions concerning the rights and obligations assumed by the United States and Mexico in the "Treaty for Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande," signed February 3, 1944. They further recognized the need to develop the terms for coordination of the study between the United States and Mexico.

The Commissioners reviewed the "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers and Technical Advisors to Facilitate a Joint Colorado River Water Conveyance Planning Level Study for the San Diego, CA -Tijuana Region, BC," signed by Principal Engineers Debra J. Little and Luis Antonio Rascón Mendoza, and technical advisors from the SDCWA, Mexico's National Water Commission and the State of Baja California on September 29, 1999. They observed that the Principal Engineers and Technical Advisors recommend that the Commission undertake an international coordinating role to facilitate the study by the SDCWA and the authorities in Mexico. This coordination would be conducted through a binational technical committee comprised of the involved agencies in both countries. The binational technical committee would develop a work plan for the study, distribute activities by contractors in each country and review the terms of reference for applicable contracts and would evaluate data and reports generated and conclude a final report and develop procedures for public release of information.

The joint study is proposed to start in 1999 and be completed in about 18 months. They further observed that the Principal Engineers recommend, as part of this coordination, procedures for review of contracting of consultants and transacting payments to Mexican contractors, for work performed in Mexico, from funds provided by the SDCWA. Finally, the Commissioners noted that the joint study would provide basic information which both

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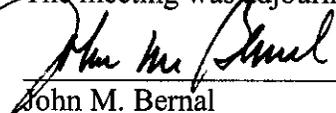
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governments require in their decision making and does not in any way imply a commitment for a more detailed analysis or adoption by any of the participating agencies or the United States and Mexican governments of any alternative.

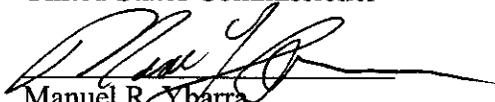
Based on the above, the two Commissioners submit the following recommendations for the approval of the two Governments:

1. The "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers and Technical Advisors to Facilitate a Joint Colorado River Water Conveyance Planning Level Study for the San Diego, CA -Tijuana Region, BC", signed by Principal Engineers Debra J. Little and Luis Antonio Rascón Mendoza, and technical advisors from the SDCWA, Mexico's National Water Commission and the State of Baja California on September 29, 1999, is approved and forms an integral part of this Minute, and provides the international coordination arrangement for the proposed planning level study.
2. The results of the study will not affect the rights and obligations assumed by the United States and Mexico in the applicable treaties and other international agreements.
3. All activities undertaken in furtherance of provisions of this Minute are subject to the availability of funds, resources and corresponding personnel as well as to applicable laws and standards in each country and do not in any way imply a commitment for a more detailed analysis or adoption by any of the participating agencies or by the United States and Mexican governments of any alternative.
4. This Minute enters into force when the Government of the United States and the Government of the United Mexican States notify approval of this Minute through their respective International Boundary and Water Commission Section.

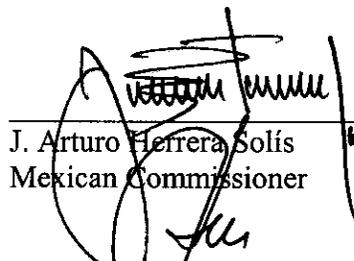
The meeting was adjourned.



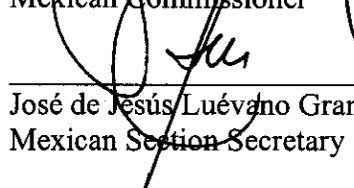
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