

**INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO**El Paso, Texas
December 13, 1999

Minute No. 302

**Enhanced Demarcation and Monumentation
of the International Boundary
at International Boundary River Bridges and Land Boundary Ports of Entry**

The Commission met in the headquarters offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas, at 1 p.m. on December 13, 1999, to consider a permanent program to enhance the demarcation and monumentation of the international boundary at international boundary river bridges and land boundary ports of entry. Further, the Commission met to consider additional demarcation along the land boundary between existing monuments from El Paso, Texas - Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, to the Pacific Ocean, attending to the request of the border cooperation work group of the United States - Mexico Binational Commission, in the context of being a component of a New Border Vision on the eve of the 21st Century.

The Commissioners referred to Article VII of the Treaty between the United States and Mexico to "Resolve Pending Boundary Differences and Maintain the Rio Grande and Colorado River as the International Boundary," signed November 23, 1970, as it refers to the exact indication on international bridges of the international boundary by an appropriate monument. Further, they referred to the Article II, paragraphs A and B of the 1970 Treaty regarding the Commission's actions in the determination of the location of the boundary. Also, they referred to Article 2 of the Treaty for "Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande," signed February 3, 1944, which provides jurisdiction to the International Boundary and Water Commission along the limitrophe parts of the Rio Grande (Río Bravo) and the Colorado River, to the land boundary between the two countries, and to works located upon their common boundary.

The Commissioners reviewed the "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Concerning the Demarcation of International Boundary at the Border Ports and the International Bridges along the United States/Mexico Border," signed by United States Section Principal Engineer Carlos Marin and Mexican Section Principal Engineer Luis Antonio Rascón Mendoza on December 10, 1999. The Commissioners also observed that each Section of the Commission is completing a report on the part of the land boundary monuments reconnaissance under the terms of Commission Minute No. 244, "Maintenance of the International Land Boundary Monuments," signed December 4, 1973, and is having consultations with appropriate agencies in its respective country concerning the need to install additional monuments along the land boundary to more precisely define the location of the international boundary.

In their review of the referenced joint report, the Commissioners considered as satisfactory, the proposed permanent program to enhance the demarcation and monumentation of the international boundary. They noted that the enhanced demarcation would consist of

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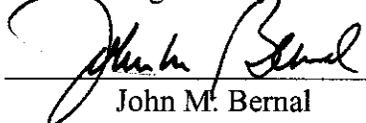
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placement of boundary monumentation plaques adjacent to the roadways, and installation of pavement markers exactly on the international boundary and traffic buttons on the roadway surface in a band extending 1.00 meter on each side of the border. The Commissioners also noted that the program would consider which Section of the Commission will undertake the installation and maintenance in the existing land crossing or international bridge, as well as assignment to the parties responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of each bridge and border crossing in each country, to carry out the initial demarcation under the proposed program and to ensure that the parties responsible for the operation and maintenance in each country also maintain the demarcation.

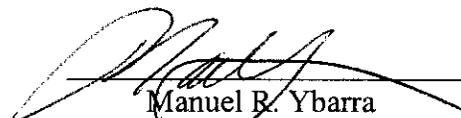
Based on the above considerations, the Commissioners submit the following recommendations for the approval of the two Governments:

1. The "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Concerning the Demarcation of International Boundary at the Border Ports and at the International Bridges along the United States/Mexico Border," signed by United States Section Principal Engineer Carlos Marin and Mexican Section Principal Engineer Luis Antonio Rascón Mendoza on December 10, 1999, which text and attachments there to are attached and which forms part of this Minute, is approved.
2. The International Boundary and Water Commission, upon completing an ongoing review of the condition of the monuments under the terms of Commission Minute No. 244 and consultations in each country, will recommend in the year 2000 to the two Governments, a program to more precisely define the location of the international land boundary between existing monuments from El Paso, Texas - Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, to the Pacific Ocean.
3. All activities undertaken in furtherance of provisions of this Minute will be subject to the availability of funds, resources and corresponding personnel as well as to applicable laws and standards in each country.
4. This Minute enters into force upon notification of approval by the Government of the United States and the Government of the United Mexican States through their respective IBWC Sections.

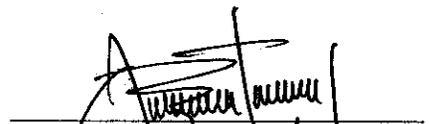
The meeting was adjourned.



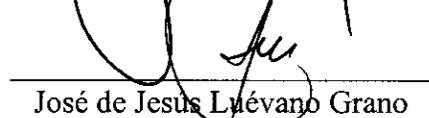
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