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# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** March 6, 2019

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**APPROVED BY:** David Dale, City Manager *DD*

**PREPARED BY:** David Dale, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Resolution of Support for the City of Imperial Beach and other Partnering Agencies in their Effort to Improve the Water Quality and Reduce the Transboundary Flows of Trash and Debris in the Tijuana River

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**Recommendation:**

Approve a Resolution of support for the city of Imperial Beach and other partnering agencies in their effort to improve the water quality and reduce the transboundary Flows of trash and debris in the Tijuana River.

**Background/Discussion:**

South Bay beaches are routinely inundated with polluted water from Mexico, especially during rain events when pumps that take water out of the Tijuana River must be turned off because of limited capacity. Wastewater should be treated before it is emptied into the river - but flows are routinely mixed with pollutants including raw sewage.

Sewage-tainted pollution in the Tijuana River and New River is dangerous. Raw effluent can carry pathogens, such as E. coli, Vibrio and salmonella, as well as several viruses and intestinal parasites that can cause everything from diarrhea to meningitis to respiratory infections. In September, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra joined the cities of Imperial Beach, Chula Vista and the Port of San Diego in suing the Federal Government over sewage spills and other toxic flows coming from Mexico.

The City of Calexico has similar serious issues with the polluted New River. Supporting local border Cities with this same issue will bring awareness to the polluted New River.



**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Coordinated with:**

None.

**Attachment:**

1. Resolution of Support for the City of Imperial Beach and other Partnering Agencies in their Effort to Improve the Water Quality and Reduce the Transboundary Flows of Trash and Debris in the Tijuana River.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH AND OTHER PARTNERING AGENCIES IN THEIR EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY AND REDUCE THE TRANSBOUNDARY FLOWS OF TRASH AND DEBRIS IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to officially support the combined efforts of Imperial Beach, the City of Chula Vista, the City of Coronado, the City of San Diego, the County of San Diego, and the Port of San Diego and other government partners including the State of California and the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and private partners including the Surf Rider Foundation to improve the water quality and reduce the transboundary flows of trash and debris in the Tijuana River Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby indicates its support for efforts to obtain funding to accomplish these goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the Tijuana River Valley is of great importance to all the cities in the State of California, not just the communities immediately adjacent to the River Valley for environmental, economic and national security reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calexico has similar issues with the New River and requires assistance for its efforts to mitigate the problem; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Calexico as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated as findings.
2. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to provide an executed copy of this Resolution to the City Manager of Imperial Beach and the federal elected representatives of the community.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Calexico at its meeting held on the 6th day of March 2019, by the following vote:

**AYES:            COUNCILMEMBERS:**  
**NOES:            COUNCILMEMBERS:**  
**ABSENT:        COUNCILMEMBERS:**

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**Lewis Pacheco, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**Gabriella Garcia**  
**CITY CLERK**