

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

MINUTE NO. 263

El Paso, Texas
August 6, 1980

EXTENSION OF THE EFFECT OF MINUTE NO. 260
RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY DELIVERIES OF COLORADO RIVER WATER
FOR USE IN TIJUANA

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section at El Paso, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on August 6, 1980 to consider the need to extend for one year, the effect of Minute No. 260, relating to the emergency deliveries which the United States makes to Mexico of waters from the Colorado River at a point on the international boundary near the city of Tijuana, Baja California Norte.

The Commission considered the Mexican Commissioner's advice that although his Government is continuing the construction of the aqueduct to supply Colorado River waters to Tijuana, its completion will be delayed until late 1981, primarily due to extraordinary torrential rains that occurred during January and February 1980 which retarded the construction.

The Commission also considered the information furnished by the Mexican Commissioner that because the recent Tijuana River floods also broke many of the water supply lines from Rodriguez Dam for the city of Tijuana, there was a need to resume in February 1980 the emergency deliveries of water made by the United States to Mexico, and there will be need to continue these deliveries until August 14, 1980, the date of expiration of Minute No. 260, and during the following twelve month period ending August 14, 1981.

The Commission then considered the information provided by the United States Commissioner relating to the conditions under which the agencies of his country, which own and operate the hydraulic facilities used to make the emergency deliveries of water to Mexico, would be willing to continue such emergency deliveries as may be requested by Mexico until August 14, 1981.

Based on the above considerations, the Commission adopted the following resolution, subject to the approval of the two Governments:

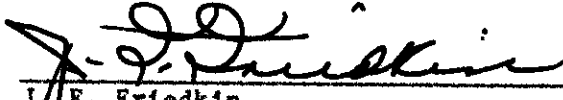
1. That the effect of Minute No. 260 of August 11, 1979 be extended until August 14, 1981, with the understandings in Points 2 and 3 of this resolution.
2. That during the one-year extension of the effect of Minute No. 260, the emergency deliveries of Colorado River water by the United States to Mexico at a point on the international boundary near the city of Tijuana, not be made at rates exceeding those corresponding to the monthly volumes specified in Schedule I of Exhibit 2 accompanying Minute No. 240, and

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that Mexico make its request three days in advance of each suspension and of each resumption of such deliveries.

3. That at the beginning of the one-year extension of the effect of Minute No. 260, Mexico reestablish its Irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of \$500,000 (Five hundred thousand dollars 00/100, U.S. currency), which amount would cover the costs of approximately three months of continuous emergency deliveries to Mexico and thereafter reestablish, when and as needed, the Letter of Credit in the same amount to cover the cost of such deliveries as Mexico may request during the remainder of the one-year extension.


The meeting was adjourned.




J. F. Friedkin
Commissioner of the United States



Joaquin Bustamante R.
Commissioner for Mexico



M. R. Ybarra
Secretary of the United States
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