

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.

The Commission considered the "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers on the International Works Needed in the United States and Mexico for Tijuana River Flood Control in both Countries", submitted by Principal Engineers William E. Walker and Norberto Sánchez G. under date of June 13, 1967. The English and Spanish texts of that Report are attached hereto and form a part hereof.

The Commission concurred in the conclusions reached by the Principal Engineers in their Joint Report, to the effect that the Tijuana River constitutes a serious flood problem for both countries and that, since that river is international in character, a mutually satisfactory solution of the flood problem requires coordinated design, construction, operation and maintenance, through the International Boundary and Water Commission, of works in the two countries carried out jointly by the two Governments as an international project.

The Commission concurred in the general engineering plan recommended by the Principal Engineers, as providing the most effective measures for solution of the problem, and agrees that such measures are feasible from engineering and economic points of view in each country. The Commission further agrees that detailed planning and design in the two countries be carried out as soon as practical. It is understood, however, that execution of construction cannot be recommended until each of the two Governments has made the necessary financial arrangements to cover the cost of the works located in its territory.

The Commission thereupon adopted the following resolution subject to the approval of the two Governments:

1. It is recommended that the two Governments approve the construction, operation and maintenance of an international flood control project for the Tijuana River of the type described in the Joint Report of the Principal Engineers which is made a part of the present Minute, with the reservation contained in paragraph 4 of this resolution.

2. The Joint Report of the Principal Engineers made a part of the present Minute is approved, with the reservation provided for in paragraph 4 of this resolution.
3. It is recommended that as soon as practical the two Governments jointly undertake to formulate and reach accord upon the specifications for preparation of the design, and that pursuant to such specifications, each Government undertake to prepare and complete the detailed plans and designs for the works in its country.
4. It is understood that construction work cannot be undertaken until each of the two Governments has made the necessary financing arrangements to cover the cost of the works located in its territory.
5. It is further understood and agreed that this Minute requires the specific approval of the two Governments.

The meeting then adjourned.

(signed) J. F. Friedkin

Commissioner of the United States

(signed) D. Herrera J.

Commissioner of Mexico

(signed) Louis F. Blanchard

Secretary of the United States Section

(signed) Fernando Rivas S.

Secretary of the Mexican Section