

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua
May 27, 1977

MINUTE NO. 258

MODIFICATION OF THE UNITED STATES PORTION OF THE PLAN
FOR THE CHANNELIZATION OF THE TIJUANA RIVER

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua at 10:00 A.M. on May 27, 1977, to consider the modification of the United States portion of the plan for the channelization of the Tijuana River recommended by the Commission in Minute No. 225 of June 19, 1967 and approved by the two Governments.

The Commission reviewed the "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers on the Modification of the United States Portion of the Plan for the Channelization of the Tijuana River", dated May 26, 1977, submitted by Principal Engineers Delbert D. McNealy and Norberto Sanchez G. The English text of that report is attached to this Minute and forms a part hereof.

The Commission confirmed the findings of the Principal Engineers set forth in the Joint Report that construction of works in the United States in accordance with the modified plan, as described in said report, would provide for Mexico the same degree of protection against overflows from the Tijuana River that may occur in the United States, as would have been provided by construction of works in accordance with the original plan described in Minute No. 225 and would not increase the flood stages in the new channel of the Tijuana River at the international boundary, as provided in the original plan.

The Commission reviewed, and found satisfactory, the general plan for the construction of an ungated structure in the south levee of the channelization in the United States, located opposite Calle "N" of the City of Tijuana for discharge to the Channelization Project of the Tijuana River of the waters from a tributary arroyo which discharge from Mexico to said river at that location. The Commission also reviewed and found satisfactory the general plan for construction as a part of the Project, of a drainage channel in the United States from the international boundary to the ungated structure in the south levee of the channelization and for removal of an old dike and silt depositions which exist on the north side of the boundary opposite Calle "N".

The Commission agreed that the works provided for in the modification of the United States portion of the international project should be constructed as soon as practical. The Commission confirmed that each country would at its expense operate and maintain the part of the

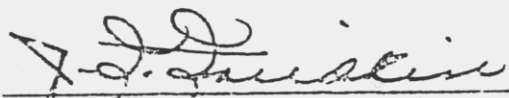
Channelization Project located in its territory, as provided for in the original plan, with the understanding that the United States would once a year remove or spread the silts that may be deposited in the Project north of the boundary opposite Calle "N", and with the further understanding that at the request of Mexico and at its expense additional work may be performed to remove or spread those silts.

The Commission agreed that construction of fencing or other works in the new channel of the Tijuana River and in its tributary channels, which form part of the Channelization Project, should be subject to the prior approval of the Commission to ensure that such works not obstruct the flow of water across the boundary in said channels.

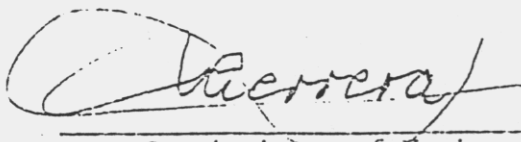
The Commission then adopted the following Resolution, subject to the approval of the two Governments:

1. The aforementioned Joint Report, which forms part of this Minute, is approved.
2. The modification of the United States portion of the plan for the channelization of the Tijuana River as described in the Joint Report of the Principal Engineers is approved.
3. That the works provided in the modification of the United States portion of the international project be constructed as soon as practical.
4. That each Government operate and maintain at its expense the part of the channelization project located in its territory, with the understanding cited hereinabove.
5. That construction of fencing or other works in the new channel of the Tijuana River and its tributary channels which form part of the Channelization Project be subject to the prior approval of the Commission to ensure that such works not obstruct the flow of water across the boundary in said channels.


The meeting was adjourned.




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