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To: Desmond, Jim; Anderson, Joel; MontgomerySteppe, Monica; Vargas, Nora (BOS);
Lawson-Remer, Terra
Cc: FGG, Public Comment
Subject: [External] OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY
ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS (PLEASE INCLUDE WITH DOCS FOR LAND USE AGENDA #4)

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Hi Supervisors,

The Tijuana River has been named one of the country's "most endangered," according to a report released Tuesday by environmentally focused nonprofit American Rivers.

"In August 2023, Hurricane Hilary revealed that years of deferred maintenance at the [International Wastewater Treatment Plant] will cost significantly more to fix, bringing the total price tag to nearly \$1 billion," the authors of the report write. "Additional funding will be continually required to maintain border water infrastructure and prevent this from happening again."

Juan Vargas, the Congressman, got about \$130 mil for it, about 1/10 of what will be needed. I don't like all your posturing and tiny steps to fix the problem while creating a park that will bury the problem while increasing health risks to those in it.

On Jan. 24, I said I would like a report at each meeting on what progress you have made on the TJ sewage emergency in this County - what you've done, what you're talking about, plans, intentions, visions, and the like. Also, reports on any chemical contamination. This has not been done. You are not being truly transparent on this issue. And your record of transparency at SANDAG sucks, whoever's in charge..

Please give us an update on other problem areas in this County

Without more info, it sounds like you're maintaining a sorry status quo, not an emergency.