

Resolution No.: XXX

Meeting Date: September 9, 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
RELATING TO ADVOCACY FOR STATE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS TO ADDRESS THE
TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY POLLUTION CRISIS

WHEREAS, Tijuana River sewage crisis has had profound environmental, public health, and economic impacts across multiple communities in South San Diego County, with over 100 billion gallons of sewage crossing the international border into our region through the Tijuana River since 2018; and

WHEREAS, untreated sewage and other pollutants in the Tijuana River flow into our beach water, resulting in the closure of some beaches in our region for more than 1,300 consecutive days due to poor water quality, in addition to impacting our region's tourism-dependent economy as well as U.S. military preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 4, a statewide bond measure authorizing the State to borrow \$10 billion for clean water efforts, fire prevention, stormwater management, and climate resilience, was passed by the voters during the November 2024 General Election, garnering approximately 60% of the vote; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego proactively engaged with the State Legislature to ensure Proposition 4 included funding for the Tijuana River Valley, with the Board of Supervisors officially registering its support for Proposition 4 on October 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 4 directs \$50 million to be available to the State Water Resources Control Board for projects in the Tijuana River Valley and New River watersheds that will "address water quality problems arising in the California-Mexico cross-border rivers and coastal waters;" and

WHEREAS, regional stakeholders, including the County of San Diego and other governments, continue to actively collaborate with each other and with the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board to identify priority projects for the California Regional Water Quality Control Board to fund through Proposition 4; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 4 presents a unique opportunity for the County to secure scarce state funding for critical projects that safeguard the health of the environment and our communities, particularly as the State of California is experiencing a \$12 billion deficit, with future deficits projected to continue in the coming years.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

The County of San Diego requests that the State Water Resources Control Board allocate the full \$50 million of Proposition 4 cross-border rivers funding to projects aimed at addressing the crisis in the Tijuana River Valley.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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