

From: [Savannah Stallings](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] Support of Item 13
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 3:50:48 PM

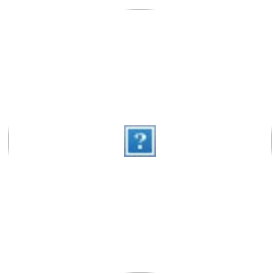
Hello,

On behalf of San Diego Bird Alliance, we would like to express the organization's support of Item 13 to have the Tijuana River acknowledged as a Superfund site. This issue has plagued the South Bay community for decades, and we should be doing everything in our power to address the largest environmental justice and public health crisis in Southern California. Not only does the toxic pollution place residents at risk, and impact quality of life, access to beaches, and long term health. It is also impacting the birds and other wildlife that live in the Tijuana Estuary, home to some of the last remaining wetlands in San Diego.

This community has been overlooked and unsupported for too long, and we should be putting every resource we have into solving this crisis, for the environment and for people.

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From: [Eileen Hauser](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] Hazardous Waste-Tijuana River
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 8:16:59 AM

Please look at the research, the measurement of pollution in the water, land and air showing the hazardous waste. Please designate this a superfund site. We need federal funds to restore quality of water and air to healthy levels. Thank you,

Eileen Hauser
Coronado

From: [Tom Csanadi](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] Support for Superfund site
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:17:14 AM

Respected County Supervisors:

The most recent Superfund site in the US is a stretch of the Lower Hackensack river in New Jersey, long contaminated by sewage and industrial waste. The river runs through many inhabited areas, through the habitats of endangered or threatened species, and thousands of acres of wetlands.

The Tijuana River has long been contaminated by sewage and industrial waste, runs through inhabited areas, and in close proximity to several schools, through the 2500 acres of southern California's largest coastal wetland, through the habitat of a number of endangered species.

When our environment has been the dumping ground for raw human sewage and industrial waste larger than the size of all of Lake Tahoe each year, the water, air and soil will be - in the truest meaning of the phrase - an unmitigated disaster. Please consider the legacy we leave for our children and request a Superfund site for the TRV.

Respectfully,

Tom Csanadi M.D.



San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

October 8, 2024

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer
County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Center
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Agenda Item 13 (Lawson-Remer) – SUPPORT – Declaring the Tijuana River Valley an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund Site to Unlock State and Federal Funds for Toxic Remediation and Clean-Up

Dear Supervisor Lawson-Remer,

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) is writing in support of Agenda Item 13, *Declaring the Tijuana River Valley an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund Site to Unlock State and Federal Funds for Toxic Remediation and Clean-Up*, on the October 8, 2024, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors meeting agenda. This declaration would be a critical step toward securing the federal resources necessary to address the ongoing transboundary pollution in the Tijuana River Valley – including untreated sewage, industrial chemicals, and debris – that have been affecting our region for decades. The persistent issue has not only created environmental pollution, but it has impacted the health and well-being of residents, particularly vulnerable populations in environmental justice communities.

As the local air district responsible for ensuring air quality standards meet federal and state requirements, the SDAPCD helps protect the right to clean air for the 3.3 million residents of San Diego County. Since July 19, 2024, SDAPCD has received more than 2,000 odor complaints – the highest number of complaints we have ever received regarding a particular source. These complainants have reported strong odors, often in the middle of the night, that have impacted their health and quality of life. This underscores the scale of the problem and urgency for additional resources to help reach a long-term solution to a decades-long issue.

The impacts of transboundary pollution have profoundly affected the quality of life in our South Bay communities. SDAPCD urges you to support this item and designate the Tijuana River as an EPA Superfund site, ensuring the safety and health of our residents and environment. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Forbis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Paula Forbis

Air Pollution Control Officer

CC: County of San Diego Board of Supervisors

From: [JOHNNY SWANSON](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 11:02:35 AM

Dear Board Members,

My name is Johnny Swanson a proud member of 35 years in the Néstor community. I'm reaching out with an urgent request to support Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer's proposal ([Item 13](#)) to clean-up of the Tijuana River by having the Environmental Protection Agency designate the Tijuana River as a Superfund site. This designation is crucial—it would unlock billions in federal funding to clean up the river, protect public health, and restore the environment for communities. Having witness firsthand of decades with this crisis. This has affected everything from our homes, baseball fields, beaches, and boarding our horse from both sunset and Hollister stables. Our communities need real solutions and no more Band-Aids.

Thanks you

JOHNNY SWANSON
