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Subject: [External] CONTINUE U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY CRISIS (please include with documents for Land Use agenda #2)
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Hello Supervisors,

A timeline, and I wonder if all the fuss we make is really worth it, or are we simply funding a bunch of letters, studies, and an industry based on making it look like a problem rather than fixing it?

- September 30, 2025: The board unanimously approved a motion to seek funding from the State Water Resources Control Board for a \$1.4 million study to test soil and water contamination in the Tijuana River Valley. The goal is to gather data to compel the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to declare the area a Superfund site. Since this is an emergency, you should report how this is going.

- September 9, 2025: Supervisors voted to approve several measures to address the sewage crisis, including a public health study on the chronic effects of exposure to toxic hydrogen sulfide gas and an economic impact study.

A month and a half later, are there any results - anything new?

- October 22, 2024: The board voted unanimously to pursue legal action against companies claimed to be responsible for the Tijuana River Valley sewage pollution.

A year later, have any companies been prosecuted, and what are the results?

- September 12, 2024: The board voted unanimously to continue its

local emergency declaration regarding transboundary pollution.

- June 27, 2023: The board first approved a unanimous vote to declare a county-wide state of emergency over transboundary sewage and pollution from the U.S.-Mexico border.

Two-plus years down the road, how many times was the emergency continued?

- February 9, 2021: The board declared pollution at the Tijuana River Valley a public health crisis.

Four plus years later, is the public health worse or better?

Another question, how far do you think this will spread while we study the problem and argue about it?

You recently got a Supervisor from next to the river. And like clockwork, you got busy on...another study. To me, an emergency is something that government fixes. From now on, Until you have a serious proposal to end this scourge which threatens all of us from Chula Vista to Coronado and a bit farther, according to the latest UCSD study, I see no use in continuing the emergency.

Regards,

Paul Henkin