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Hi Supervisors.

Re-LOCAL EMERGENCY REVIEW: PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION

Why in the Regular Board meet?

It looks like we may be doing what we thought we couldn't - solving the TJ River Valley pollution mess ourselves. ABC News on 10/2 reported that some residents in the South Bay say the smell is actually improving a bit. And Mexico's doing a great job! We do not need a superfund site here.

I have suggested at least 4 things: concrete lining to speed water flow and sewage out to sea; holding ponds or reservoirs like there once were; hand-held air pollution monitors to zero in on the pollution source; and baking soda or lime to cut down on the harmful odors.

You have forwarded several of these suggestions on, but I never heard a yes or no on them. We should have a status report on all cleanup suggestions.

We have enough evidence and resources to do some or all of the

cleanup work ourselves. Volunteers, interested parties, and let's have a 'we can do it' attitude.

And it's not a bad idea to renew the emergency, for all it's worth, which has been going on for 30+ years!

Regards,

Paul Henkin