

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 79-3

LONGSTANDING GROSS POLLUTION OF THE NEW RIVER IN IMPERIAL COUNTY

WHEREAS:


1. The New River in Imperial County is grossly polluted by raw sewage, inadequately treated sewage and industrial wastes from Mexicali, Mexico.
2. Twenty-five years of diplomatic efforts by the State Department have only marginally improved water quality in the New River.
3. Public health officials cite recent incidences of disease from the river and note the serious public health threat of New River pollution.
4. The Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board has requested State Board action to assist in making the cleanup of the New River a diplomatic priority.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. President Jimmy Carter is requested to discuss New River pollution with President Lopez Portillo of Mexico when they meet on February 14, and that he seek a negotiated agreement between the two countries in the form of an amendment to the 1944 Water Treaty as to the specific sanitary water quality of the New River as it enters the United States.
2. President Jimmy Carter is requested, under Section 101 (c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, to use all diplomatic sources at his command to obtain permanent and definitive correction of the problem.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on January 25, 1979.


Executive Director
(Larry F. Walker)