

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING
A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO IMPACTS
FROM CROSS BORDER WATER POLLUTION**

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 and Coronado Municipal Code Chapter 2.50 empowers the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, The Coronado City Council adopted a Resolution to Declare a Local Emergency on March 4, 2025 and The Emergency Declaration is set to expire on May 3, 2025 unless further extended by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, cross border flows of untreated wastewater from the Tijuana River and the inoperative San Antonio de los Buenos Wastewater Treatment Plant constitute an environmental catastrophe and through this pollution of ocean waters, adversely impacts the lives of residents and visitors in the City of Coronado; and

WHEREAS, impaired water quality leads to conditions unhealthy for the safety of persons, property and the environment; and

WHEREAS, pollution from cross-border flows are impacting the region's community health, economy and ecosystems, and the ongoing closures of South Bay beaches, including Coronado beaches, limits coastal access; and

WHEREAS, the flow of contaminants and untreated wastewater continues to escalate due to inadequate wastewater infrastructure in the City of Tijuana and lack of sufficient operation and maintenance of existing infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, San Diego, the County of San Diego and the San Diego Port District have declared a state of local emergency, and the County of San Diego has issued a public health emergency for the Tijuana River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the environmental degradation from cross-border water pollution constitutes an economic and public health threat that is beyond the control of local resources, services, personnel equipment and facilities, and warrants this declaration of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coronado as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true.
2. A local emergency exists in the City of Coronado.
3. The City Manager, Mayor and Councilmembers are authorized to work with local, State, Federal and Mexican authorities to improve conditions in the Tijuana River Valley and greater wastewater infrastructure systems to improve water quality conditions.
4. The proclamation of existence of a local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Coronado, and it shall be terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant. The Council shall review this emergency at least once every sixty days.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Coronado, California, at a regular meeting thereof this fifteenth day of April 2025 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

JOHN D. DUNCAN, Mayor of the
City of Coronado, California

ATTEST:

KELSEA HOLIAN, City Clerk of the
City of Coronado, California