

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION  
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

El Paso, Texas  
August 11, 1979

MINUTE NO. 260

EXTENSION OF THE EFFECT OF MINUTE NO. 259  
RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY DELIVERIES OF COLORADO RIVER WATER  
FOR USE IN TIJUANA

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section at 10:00 a.m. on August 11, 1979 to consider the need to extend for one year the effect of Minute No. 259, relating to the emergency deliveries which the United States makes to Mexico of waters from the Colorado River at a point on the international boundary near the city of Tijuana, Baja California Norte.

The two Commissioners considered the progress by Mexico of the construction of the aqueduct to supply water to Tijuana, and agreed that completion of the aqueduct will be delayed probably until the year 1981, because of the substantial storage of water accumulated at Rodriguez Reservoir on the Tijuana River from extraordinary rains in the last two years, which is being used to serve the city of Tijuana.

The Commission considered the information furnished by the Mexican Commissioner that although those waters are being used to supply the city of Tijuana, to the extent possible, circumstances may again exist requiring emergency deliveries by the United States to Mexico, and concluded that although deliveries have not been made to Tijuana since February 28, 1979, it would be desirable to continue the agreement for the emergency deliveries on a stand-by basis since certain works that are necessary to efficiently use the waters in Rodriguez Reservoir have not been completed.

The Commission then considered the information provided by the United States Commissioner that the agencies of his country which own and operate the hydraulic installations used to make the emergency deliveries to Mexico of water from the Colorado River at a point on the international boundary near the city of Tijuana, are willing and able to continue such emergency deliveries as may be requested by Mexico until August 14, 1980, in the manner and in accordance with conditions established in Minutes Nos. 256 and 259, with the proviso that Mexico make its request three days in advance for each resumption and for each suspension of such deliveries.

Based on the above considerations, the Commission adopted the following resolution:

1. That the effect of Minute No. 259 of July 27, 1978 be extended until August 14, 1980 with the understandings in Points 2 and 3 of this resolution.

2. That during the one-year extension of the effect of Minute No. 259 the emergency deliveries of Colorado River water made by the United States to Mexico at a point on the international boundary near the city of Tijuana may be resumed temporarily with Mexico making its request three days in advance of each resumption of such deliveries and of each subsequent suspension.

3. That at the beginning of the one-year extension of the effect of Minute No. 259, Mexico reestablish its Irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of \$4,000 (Four thousand dollars) United States currency, to be replenished in that amount as payments are drawn against it for such emergency deliveries, and that in the event that the cost of emergency deliveries requested by Mexico during a period exceed \$4,000, Mexico at the end of such period of deliveries, pay to the United States the additional costs and reestablish the credit of \$4,000.

4. That this Minute require the specific approval of the two Governments.

The meeting adjourned.

  
Commissioner of the United States

  
Commissioner for Mexico

  
Secretary of the United States

  
Secretary of the Mexican Section