

**SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 4882**

**RESOLUTION FOR A CALL TO )  
ACTION REGARDING THE )  
POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL )  
CRISIS ALONG THE TIJUANA RIVER )**

ON THE MOTION of Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, the Sweetwater Union High School District (the "District") is situated in south San Diego County, California, including communities that border on the Tijuana River and southernmost portions of the United States (U.S.) coastline of the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission (the "IBWC") documented over thirty-seven (37) billion gallons of toxic effluent entering the U.S. through the Tijuana River during 2023; and

WHEREAS, such wastewater pollutants spread throughout the Tijuana River and to adjoining natural areas, beaches, and coastal communities, within the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, these wastewater pollutants have caused the Imperial Beach shoreline to be closed due to contaminated water for over 800 days, cutting off easy beach access for many of San Diego County's underserved and disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the District believes further funding for infrastructure and mitigation are necessary for the health and safety of District students, staff, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the coastal communities of south San Diego County are dealing with an unprecedented crisis that cannot be addressed locally. This urgent situation demands coordinated local, state, and federal emergency action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- Section 1: The District requests that Governor Newsom proclaim a State of Emergency in San Diego County and award all appropriate state assistance.
- Section 2: The District requests that President Biden proclaim a Federal Emergency Declaration for San Diego County and award all appropriate federal assistance.
- Section 3: The District requests an increase of long-term local, state, and federal funding to address water quality infrastructure in the region.

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Section 4: The District calls for action in local, state, and federal legislatures to increase spending for the health and safety for District students, staff, and surrounding communities by improving air quality.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Sweetwater Union High School District, County of San Diego, State of California, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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State of California            )  
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County of San Diego         )

I, Adrian Arancibia, President of the Board of Trustees of the Sweetwater Union High School District, County of San Diego, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by said board at a regular meeting thereof, at the time and by the vote therein stated, which original resolution is on file in the office of said board.

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Adrian Arancibia, President

March 11, 2024  
Date

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Elva Lopez-Zepeda, Vice President

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Marti Emerald, Member

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Nicholas Segura, Member

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Arturo Solis, Member