

To all those who actually care about the Tijuana River Pollution problem!

I am Jeff Williams. I have been a water professional since 1974. Since then, I have obtained 7 college degrees and have held a water license in 2 states and a wastewater license in 5 states including a California V Wastewater License.

I am a real, true environmentalist. I am not an amateur or a pseudo-environmentalist. I am 100% opposed to the proposed primary effluent solution which is an embarrassment to my profession. Those who claim only pseudo-enviro groups are the only ones opposed to the proposed solutions is a 100% untrue statement! I am proof of that!

The proposed stake holder's solution is not compliant with the Clean Water Act (CWA) which states that, 'all municipal sewage plants, Public Owned Treatment Works (PTOW), are required to meet secondary treatment standards.'

The proposed solution actually requires a Congressional Waiver to implement as it does not comply with the CWA requirement of meeting secondary treatment standards.

The proposed solution does not take a Congressional Bill to allow government agencies to work together to implement as it requires only a Congressional Waiver.

What does take a Congressional Bill to allow government agencies to work together is a real NPDES solution that allows the entire Tijuana River to be treated to secondary treatment standards and sell the water to the depleted Baja Wine Aquifer in Baja Mexico.

That real NPDES solution emphasizing the lack of attention to the health of the Navy Seals and selling the NPDES treated water to Mexico to recover costs has been presented to Senator Dianne Feinstein's San Office District Director and Assistant Field Representative on April 25, 2019. It requires government agencies to work together to implement. Congressional Representatives introduced that bill on April 30, 2019.

The stake holder solution is not only non-NPDES compliant, but:

- 1) The proposed catch basin design having the infrastructure in the Tijuana River will be buried in trash after the first major rainfall and be rendered useless.
- 2) Primary and advance primary effluent is still raw sewage that has only been treated by two hours of gravity. If you introduce a raw sewage flow into a bucket that takes 2 hours to overflow the bucket, it is still raw sewage.
- 3) It does not solve the health problems imposed on those who live, work and play in the Tijuana River Valley. I personally knew someone who in 1978 scuba diving in non-disinfected secondary treated wastewater to inspect the mechanical collection system and got every lymph gland in his body infected. Primary sewage is raw sewage and an extreme health issue for the Navy Seals.
- 4) It is a proposal of those who have never treated a drop of water or wastewater in their life.

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