INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

MINUTE NO. 266

Cd. Juarez, Chih. August 3, 1981

EXTENSION OF THE EFFECT OF MINUTE NO. 263
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 3, 1981, to consider the need to extend for one year the effect of Minute No. 263, 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.

The Commission considered the Mexican Commissioner's advice that although the construction by his Covernment of the aqueduct to supply Colorado River waters to Tijuana is near completion, it is not expected to be in operation before the end of 1982. The Commissioners also considered that on August 20, 1980, the emergency deliveries of water made by the United States to Mexico were suspended and that although there was not a need to resume deliveries in the period that followed, circumstances may again exist to require those deliveries and they agreed to continue the agreement for the emergency water deliveries on a stand-by basis.

The Commission then considered the information provided by the United States Commissioner relating to the conditions under which the agencies of his country, which own and operate the hydraulic facilities used to make the emergency deliveries of water to Mexico, would be willing to continue such emergency deliveries as may be requested by Mexico until August 14, 1982.

Dased on the above considerations, the Commission adopted the following resolution, subject to the approval of the two Governments:

- 1. That the effect of Minute No. 263 of August 6, 1980, be extended until August 14, 1982, with the understandings in Points 2 and 3 of this resolution.
- 2. That during the one-year extension of the effect of Minute No. 263, 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 not be made at rates exceeding those corresponding to the monthly volumes specified in Schedule I of Exhibit 2 accompanying Minute No. 240, and that Mexico make its request three days in advance of each resumption and of each suspension of such deliveries.
- 3. That at the beginning of the one-year extension of the effect of Minute No. 263, Mexico reestablish its Irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 00/100) U.S. currency, which amount would cover the costs of approximately three months of continuous emergency deliveries to Mexico and there-

after reestablish, when and as needed, the Letter of Credit in the same amount to cover the cost of such deliveries as Mexico may request during the remainder of the one-year extension.

The meeting was adjourned.

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United States Commissioner for Mexico

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Secretary for the United States

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