

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
November 12, 2008

- ITEM: 11
- SUBJECT: RESOLUTION: Regional Board consideration and adoption of a Resolution to honor and commemorate the dedication and contributions of Carlos Marin, the late Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section. (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2008-0146)
(John Robertus)
- PURPOSE: The Board will receive public comments and consider adoption of Tentative Resolution R9-2008-0146 to recognize the work of Carlos Marin.
- PUBLIC NOTICE: The Agenda notice for the November 12, 2008, Regional Board Meeting serves as the public notice for this item.
- DISCUSSION: Commissioner Carlos Marin served the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission for 28-years in a myriad of duties and assignments. Among his many accomplishments and contributions there are noted projects that benefited the State of California. He established the updated boundary demarcation in the vicinity of the ports of entry in San Ysidro and facilitated the construction and upgrade of the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant and most recently, was personally involved in efforts to control cross-border discharges of trash and sediments from Mexico into the Tijuana River and New River within California.
- Commissioner Carlos Marin was instrumental in convening the Binational Core Group for Colorado River Cooperation in 2008 and in providing key leadership for the Colorado River International Task Force. These groups focused on sediment and salt levels in the river and the concerns for lining the All-American Canal, boundary preservation and conveyance capacity and environmental issues associated with the Colorado River and Delta. This work contributed to the successful transfer of 200,000 acre feet of Colorado water from the Imperial Irrigation District to San Diego County. He also provided for the operation and

maintenance of the Tijuana River Flood Control Project that provides flood protection within California.

Commissioner Carlos Marin lost his life in the line of duty in a plane crash on September 15, 2008 while surveying dangerous flood conditions threatening the border areas of Texas and Mexico. The small airplane used for this mission carried both Commissioner Marin and Commissioner Arturo Herrera of the Mexican Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, along with the pilot and a public official. These men lost their lives while trying to protect the lives of others. Resolution R9-2008-0146 is offered as a testament to the exemplary service of Commissioner Carlos Marin and the appreciation and sense of loss by the Regional Board. A brief Biography of Carlos Marin is included in the supporting documents.

**SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS:**

1. Tentative Resolution No. R9-2008-0146.
2. Biography of Commissioner Carlos Marin.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Adopt tentative Resolution R9-2008-0146.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION

Tentative Resolution No. R9-2008-0146

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF CARLOS MARIN
UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER, INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND
WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES SECTION, FOR HIS MANY YEARS
OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND THE CITIZENS OF THE SAN DIEGO
REGION

Whereas, the San Diego Region relies on the efforts of the International
Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section, to address
international matters of water quality and water supply; and,

Whereas, Carlos Marin served 28 years in the International Boundary and Water
Commission, United States Section, in many assignments and duties that
contributed significantly to the successful implementation of international
agreements and water projects of importance to the State of California including
the San Diego Region; and,

Whereas, Carlos Marin served as the Deputy Commissioner, Acting
Commissioner, and as Commissioner at the commission over a six year period
thereby providing exemplary leadership that was the cornerstone for the
successful culmination of water supply and sewage treatment projects to the
benefit of the San Diego Region; and,

Whereas, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego
Region is grateful for the selfless dedication, thoughtful manner and professional
contributions of Commissioner Carlos Marin; and,

Whereas, Carlos Marin, while in the act of protecting others from harm, lost his
life in the performance of his duties;

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the California Regional Water Quality Control
Board, San Diego Region mourns the loss of Commissioner Carlos Marin, and
we shall forever be in his debt for his service to our nation and the citizens of the
State of California.

Richard Wright

Susan Ritschel

David King

Eric Anderson

Wayne Rayfield

Kris Weber

Grant Destache

**CARLOS MARIN
U.S. COMMISSIONER
INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Carlos Marin was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2006 to serve as U.S. Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico. Mr. Marin, a licensed professional engineer, is a 28-year career employee of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), where he gained extensive experience in addressing and resolving major binational environmental, sanitation, and water resource management issues in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, he served as Acting Commissioner for 15 months.

Mr. Marin served as Deputy Commissioner from January 2002 to November 2004, at which time the U.S. Commissioner designated Mr. Marin as his Treaty Compliance Policy Advisor. In 1997, Mr. Marin was named Principal Engineer of the Operations Department, in which he independently developed and administered major agency policies and programs, and had oversight responsibility for the operation and maintenance of various binational flood control projects, power plants and international storage reservoirs, international wastewater treatment plants, water accounting systems, and hydrographic data collection. As Principal Engineer, Mr. Marin served as the primary technical and key policy advisor to the U.S. Commissioner regarding USIBWC operations at its 10 project offices that span the U.S.-Mexico border from San Diego, California to the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Marin also served as the senior advisor to the U.S. Commissioner on matters relating to the implementation of U.S.-Mexico boundary and water treaties, coordinated binational operational issues directly with his Mexican counterpart, and served as USIBWC's principal negotiator on critical U.S.-Mexico treaty implementation issues. Mr. Marin is the USIBWC representative to the Interagency Committee on Dam Safety and is the U.S. lead for critical infrastructure protection efforts relating to U.S.-Mexico border dams under the President's Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. He currently serves on the Border Trade Alliance Committee (BTAC) and as a member of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB).

Prior to assuming senior executive level responsibilities, Mr. Marin held various supervisory engineering and management positions at the USIBWC, including: Division Engineer for Planning, Project Development and Operations and Maintenance (1994-1997), in which capacity he had responsibility for all operations and maintenance, design, and planning functions for the agency; Project Manager for the Nuevo Laredo International Wastewater Treatment Plant (1990-1994), in which capacity, in conjunction with two Mexican construction engineers, he had the responsibility to manage the design, construction, and operation and maintenance of a 31 million gallon per day wastewater treatment

plant serving the community of Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; and Project Manager for the Upper Rio Grande Project (1988-1990), in which capacity he had oversight responsibility for flood control in a 400-mile reach of the Rio Grande from Percha Dam, New Mexico to Presidio, Texas, and assuring water deliveries to Mexico pursuant to the 1906 Convention. In addition, Mr. Marin served as Chief of the Boundary Section (1984-1988), in which capacity he had oversight over all land and river boundary surveys, mapping and demarcation issues along the almost 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border; and he served as an agency Staff Engineer (1979-1984), during which time he identified the official location of the U.S.-Mexico boundary and developed the IBWC official boundary maps.

Mr. Marin began his 32-year federal career at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, where he worked from 1975 to 1979 at offices in El Paso, Texas; Denver Colorado; and Las Vegas, Nevada, as a civil engineer trainee and as an engineer. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1978. Mr. Marin is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Waterworks Association, and the Colorado River Water Users Association. A native of El Paso, Texas, Mr. Marin currently resides in El Paso with his wife and two children.