

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-008

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE OTAY MESA EAST TOLL FACILITY ACT (SENATE BILL 10)

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach and neighboring communities within South San Diego County have endured the worst effects of transboundary pollution from Mexico as billions of gallons of raw sewage and industrial waste have flowed into the Tijuana River for years; and

WHEREAS, emerging research from teams from San Diego State University and the University of California San Diego have found a growing body of evidence showing dangerous water quality and concerning levels of toxic gasses has caused tens of thousands of illnesses in the region; and

WHEREAS, key drivers of the pollution causing this transboundary crisis is a massive expansion of manufacturing across the border in Mexico that led to the creation and construction of a new land port of entry for the San Diego-Baja California region – The Otay Mesa East Port of Entry; and

WHEREAS, the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry would create a new four-lane toll road along State Route 11 and is a joint venture between the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and Caltrans along with state and federal partners in the U.S. and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2024 the Imperial Beach City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2024-064 to request immediate action from SANDAG to establish a long-term Tijuana River Valley Mitigation Fund and Management Board for the California State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach sent a letter to California representatives requesting legislative amendments necessary to facilitate the creation of a mitigation fund; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Stephen C. Padilla has introduced Senate Bill 10 – The Otay Mesa East Toll Facility Act – to expressly authorize funds from the new toll road to be used for water treatment, environmental mitigation, and restoration of the Tijuana River Valley to help address the sewage crisis and benefit residents of Imperial Beach and South San Diego County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach as follows:

1. That the City Council supports Senate Bill 10 – The Otay Mesa East Toll Facility Act; and
2. That the City Council directs staff to submit a position letter to the relevant state legislative committees; and
3. That the Mayor is authorized to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City Council supporting this legislation on behalf of the City.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach at its meeting held on the 19th day of February 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	MCKAY, LEYBA-GONZALEZ, FISHER, SEABURY, AGUIRRE
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE



PALOMA AGUIRRE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



**JACQUELINE M. KELLY, MMC
CITY CLERK**

