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To direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to carry out a program to prevent flooding and wastewater, sewage, trash, and sediment spills in the Tijuana River Valley, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Mr. VARGAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sewage Free Tijuana
5 River Valley Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREVENTION OF FLOODING AND WASTEWATER,**
2 **SEWAGE, TRASH, AND SEDIMENT SPILLS IN**
3 **TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall carry out a
5 program to enhance the physical infrastructure in both the
6 United States and Mexico to prevent flooding and waste-
7 water, sewage, trash, and sediment spills in the Tijuana
8 River Valley.

9 (b) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of the program in-
10 clude—

11 (1) coordinating restoration and protection ac-
12 tivities among Mexican, Federal, State, local, and re-
13 gional entities and conservation partners relating to
14 the Tijuana River Valley; and

15 (2) carrying out coordinated restoration and
16 protection activities, and providing for technical as-
17 sistance, relating to the Tijuana River Valley.

18 (c) **COORDINATION.**—In establishing the program,
19 the Secretary shall consult, as appropriate, with—

20 (1) the heads of Federal agencies, including—

21 (A) the Secretary of the Interior;

22 (B) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

23 (C) the Administrator of General Services;

24 (D) the Commissioner of U.S. Customs

25 and Border Protection; and

1 (E) the Director of the United States Fish
2 and Wildlife Service;

3 (2) the United States Commissioner, Inter-
4 national Boundary and Water Commission, United
5 States and Mexico;

6 (3) the Border Environment Cooperation Com-
7 mission;

8 (4) the North American Development Bank;

9 (5) the Governor of California;

10 (6) the California Environmental Protection
11 Agency;

12 (7) the city of Imperial Beach;

13 (8) the city of San Diego;

14 (9) the county of San Diego;

15 (10) the San Diego Regional Water Quality
16 Control Board;

17 (11) the Tijuana River National Estuarine Re-
18 search Reserve;

19 (12) Mexican governments; and

20 (13) other public agencies and organizations
21 with authority for the planning and implementation
22 of conservation strategies relating to the Tijuana
23 River Valley in both the United States and Mexico.

1 (d) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share
2 of the cost of any project carried out with grant assistance
3 made available under the program shall be 50 percent.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
5 nitions apply:

6 (1) MEXICAN GOVERNMENTS.—The term
7 “Mexican governments” means the Federal, State,
8 and local governments of the United Mexican States.

9 (2) RESTORATION AND PROTECTION.—The
10 term “restoration and protection” means the con-
11 servation, stewardship, and enhancement of the
12 physical infrastructure in both the United States
13 and Mexico to prevent flooding and wastewater, sew-
14 age, trash, and sediment spills in the Tijuana River
15 Valley.

16 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
18 of Engineers.

19 (4) TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY.—The term “Ti-
20 juana River Valley” means the planning area in San
21 Diego County bounded by the city of Imperial Beach
22 and the Otay Mesa-Nestor community to the north,
23 the San Ysidro community to the east, Mexico to the
24 south, and Border Field State Park and Imperial
25 Beach to the west.

1 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022.

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