

## Colorado Water Users Association

Resolution in Recognition Re:

Anniversaries of the International Boundary and Water Commission and the 1944 Treaty Concerning the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande

Adopted by the Association at the Business Meeting

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The Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) congratulates the International Boundary and Water Commission on its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Originally established as the International Boundary Commission by the Convention of March 1, 1889, the Commission initially focused on boundary disputes due to movement of the channels of the Rio Grande and Colorado River.

The 1944 Treaty expanded the Commission's responsibilities in the areas of transboundary water supply, flood control, and sanitation, among others, and, to reflect the new mission, updated the Commission's structure and name, establishing the modern-day International Boundary and Water Commission.

CRWUA supports the long-standing efforts of the United States and Mexico Sections of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) to implement the Treaty Concerning the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande ("the 1944 Treaty").

Therefore, on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the execution of the 1944 Treaty, CRWUA recognizes that with respect to the utilization of the waters of the Colorado River:

1. The 1944 Treaty has established a framework that provides significant and enduring benefits to Colorado River water users in the United States and Mexico.
2. As implemented by the IBWC, through collaboration by the United States and Mexico, the 1944 Treaty stands as an example of international cooperation.
3. The 1944 Treaty and the unique relationships among United States and Mexico federal agencies, States, water users, and non-governmental organizations to implement the 1944 Treaty and implementing Minutes is appropriately recognized worldwide as a model for collaboration.
4. The development and implementation of Minutes through the collaborative IBWC process has provided additional flexibility, resiliency and certainty to water users in the United States and Mexico, as well as support for environmental values, even during a period of persistent drought.
5. Continuing the collaborative IBWC process will form the basis for successful implementation of the 1944 Treaty going forward.
6. The basin States of the Colorado River have collaborated and cooperated on 1944 Treaty issues and look forward to further direct involvement in the issues yet to be resolved.