Summary
Senate Concurrent Resolution 90 declares the Legislature’s commitment to collaborate with the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team (Recovery Team) to protect the valley’s diverse and unique ecological, recreational, cultural, and educational opportunities.

Background
The Tijuana River originates in Mexico and crosses the international border into the United States, near San Ysidro, California, where it flows west to discharge into the Pacific Ocean, creating the Tijuana River watershed, situated partly in California and partly in Mexico.

The Tijuana River watershed is a valuable ecological, recreational and economic resource threatened by sediment, trash, and other contaminants carried in stormwater runoff. The pollution poses ecological, human health and safety hazards that cannot be solved unilaterally by the U.S. Binational problems require binational solutions.

The Recovery Team is a collaboration of more than 30 federal, state and local agencies and other interested parties from both sides of the border focused on addressing sediment, trash and associated environmental issues in the watershed. The Recovery Team created the Recovery Strategy, a concise plan of the first phase of actions to clean-up and restore the watershed.

The Recovery Strategy emphasizes binational collaboration on wastewater improvements, trash control, sediment and flood control, and ecosystem restoration. The activities described in the Recovery Strategy summarize the Recovery Team’s efforts to combine the collective knowledge, enthusiasm, and resources of the many agencies and groups that are seeking solutions to sediment and trash issues.

SCR 90
SCR 90 proclaims the Legislature’s commitment to work with the Recovery Team in order to:

(a) Protect and enhance our natural resources through improved management of sediment, trash, flood control, ecosystem management, and recreation and education;

(b) Promote bilateral ties that will be beneficial to the enhancement of one of California’s most resilient ecosystems.

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