



City of San Diego

U.S. IBWC Citizen's Forum

**Report on SB 167
May 6, 2010**



Overview

- Between 700,000 and 800,000 tires exported from California to Baja California each year
- 1.5 million scrap tires for disposal each year. Approximately one-third end up in landfills, clandestine dumps, scattered around urban and rural areas and open burning. These tires have a huge environmental impact to not only Mexico but to California as well.
- Requires California Integrated Waste Management Board (now CalRecycle) to include waste tires in the Border Region and allows tire funds to be used related border activities.
- SB 167 Passed Legislature and Signed into law by Governor.
- Bill will result in better data about nature of problem as well as a source of funding for cleaning up those tires.



Current CalRecycling

1. Dedicates a portion of the funding for the Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Grant Program for cleanups that occur along the California border region;
2. Provides funding for a study of the tire flow to and from Mexico
3. Provides technical assistance for the development of an integrated waste tire management plan for the State of Baja California, Mexico
4. Provides training workshops for teachers on the environmental education curriculum
5. Provides training and technical support to Mexican tire haulers; and,
6. Provides information for Border 2012 Task Force, Resource Conservation Challenge Border Group and the 2008 Border Governors Conference.

The Fund may only be used to address tires for which the fee has been collected and within California.



New Uses of SB 167

- CIWMB has not funded the remediation of tires from illegal piles in Mexico due to these legal constraints.
- This bill is based on the argument that used tires from California make their way into Mexico only to become waste tires in a short period of time; thus, the Fund should be available to address that issue.
- This bill specifies that tire funds may be used for the "development of projects in Mexico in the California-Mexico border region, as defined by the La Paz Agreement, that include, but are not limited to, education, infrastructure, mitigation, cleanup, prevention, reuse, and recycling projects, that address the movement of used tires from California to Mexico that are eventually disposed in California."



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Implementation

