



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **MAY 10 PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SAN DIEGO WATER SUPPLY, FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A U.S.-MEXICO DESALINATION PLANT, AND APRIL SEWAGE SPILL IN THE TIJUANA RIVER**

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum on Thursday, May 10, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA 91932. The meeting will address regional water supply issues and an April 5 sewage spill affecting the Tijuana River. The purpose of the Citizens Forum is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community about Commission projects and related activities.

Amy Dorman with the City of San Diego will speak about water supply and delivery challenges for the San Diego region and some of the projects envisioned to develop local reliable water resources. She will also discuss the new Advanced Water Purification Facility and its impact on growth and water supply in the area.

Dave Fogerson with the San Diego County Water Authority will provide an overview of current binational efforts underway to study how a binational desalination plant in Rosarito, Mexico could have benefits to water users in both countries. This study is being conducted by both U.S. and Mexican water agencies and is part of larger binational efforts to review a number of Colorado River water supply augmentation projects, operations, and management practices. This broader effort, which is spearheaded by the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, includes representatives from the states in the Colorado River Basin, the Bureau of Reclamation, and other representatives from both countries.

In other business, USIBWC Area Operations Manager Steve Smullen will discuss a pump station failure at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant that caused a sewage spill to the Tijuana River on April 5. He will also explain how actions related to this pump station failure resulted in increased flow in the Tijuana River in the United States comprised of stormwater runoff and effluent from two Mexican water reclamation plants.

A complete agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may call 619-662-7600 or e-mail [sally.spener@ibwc.gov](mailto:sally.spener@ibwc.gov).

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**USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM**  
**Thursday, May 10, 2012**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room**  
**301 Caspian Way**  
**Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

**Agenda**

- Welcome and Introductions – Ben McCue, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- Recycled Water in San Diego County – Amy Dorman, Senior Civil Engineer, Water and Wastewater Master Planning, City of San Diego, Public Utilities Department
- Transboundary Desalination: The Rosarito Beach Desalination Plant Feasibility Study – Dave Fogerson, Senior Engineer, San Diego County Water Authority
- April 2012 Sewage Spill Affecting the Tijuana River – Steven Smullen, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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