



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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TIJUANA RIVER PROJECTS ON AGENDA FOR MAY 23 PUBLIC MEETING IN IMPERIAL BEACH

Activities affecting the Tijuana River Valley will be the focus of a public meeting in Imperial Beach, California this month. The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum on Thursday, May 23, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA 91932. 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.

Danielle Boudreau, Coastal Training Program Associate at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (TRNERR), will give a presentation about the Climate Understanding & Resilience in the River Valley (CURRV) project. The project seeks to increase the resiliency of the Tijuana River Valley against the impacts associated with regional climate change by conducting a vulnerability assessment to inform the development of a climate adaptation strategy. The presentation will focus on how TRNERR is helping local public agencies collaborate through the CURRV project to improve the River Valley's ability to adapt to flooding and inundation caused by sea level rise and shifting precipitation patterns altering watershed inputs into the Tijuana River.

Also on the agenda, USIBWC Area Operations Manager Steve Smullen will provide an update on the activities of the International Boundary and Water Commission to manage trash

and sediment in the Tijuana River Valley. On April 17, a binational meeting was held to discuss development of a Commission agreement, known as a Minute, to address the problem. Mr. Smullen will also present findings from a recent draft study by consultant URS regarding solids washout from the secondary clarifiers at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP). The draft study suggests that high solids loading has contributed to solids washout and identifies potential strategies, such as improving aeration, to address the problem and improve plant performance. The SBIWTP, located at the border in San Diego County, treats Mexican wastewater to U.S. standards before discharging the treated effluent into the Pacific Ocean 3.5 miles off the California coast.

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM
Thursday, May 23, 2013
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room
301 Caspian Way
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – Paloma Aguirre, Citizens Forum Co-Chair (Alternate)

- Climate Understanding and Resilience in the (Tijuana) River Valley (CURRV) – Danielle Boudreau, Coastal Training Program Associate at Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (TRNERR)

- Update on USIBWC Activities, Proposed Trash and Sediment Minute, Secondary Clarifier Study – Steve Smullen, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC, San Diego Field Office

- Public Comment

- Board Discussion

- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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