



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC APPOINTS CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS; PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR AUGUST 25

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has announced the appointment of new board members to the USIBWC Citizens Forum. The purpose of the forum is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community about the Commission's projects and related issues in San Diego County. A public meeting with the new board will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 25 at the USIBWC office, 2225 Dairy Mart Road, San Diego, CA 92173. All board terms had expired and the USIBWC opened up applications to the general public.

The USIBWC selected the following board members, who serve as volunteers for a two-year term:

- Aaron Michael Allen, District Representative for State Senator Juan Vargas, who represents South Bay communities
- Jo Brooks, retired State Department attorney, Board Member/Executive Committee Member of San Diego Coastkeeper, returning Citizens Forum board member.
- Paul Ganster, San Diego State University, Institute for Regional Studies of the Californias, former Chairman of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board
- Scott Huth, City of Coronado Public Services Director, Chairman of the San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Technical Advisory Committee, returning Citizens Forum board member
- Ben McCue, Conservation Director for Wildcoast, returning Citizens Forum board member (Paloma Aguirre, Wildcoast, Alternate)
- Patrick McDonough, Senior Project Manager, San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation, involved with Tijuana River Valley Regional Park planning
- Robert Scott, URS Corporation, has conducted technical studies for the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team
- Mark West, Surfrider Board Member

Commissioner Edward Drusina, head of the USIBWC, will attend the August 25 board meeting.

The agenda includes remarks by the Commissioner, orientation for the new board members, and an overview of USIBWC projects and activities in the region. A complete agenda is attached.

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM
Thursday, August 25, 2011
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
USIBWC Office
2225 Dairy Mart Road
San Diego, CA 92173-2840

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – Steve Smullen, Citizens Forum Co-Chair, USIBWC
- Expectations for the USIBWC Citizens Forum Board – Edward Drusina, Commissioner, USIBWC
- Board Member Orientation – Sally Spener, Public Affairs Officer, USIBWC
 - Overview of Commission History, Mission, and Projects
 - Board Member Roles and Responsibilities
 - Discussion of Meeting Locations and Times
 - Selection of a Community Co-Chairperson
- Overview of Commission Projects and Activities in San Diego County – Steve Smullen, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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