



## **International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section**

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### **TRANSBOUNDARY WATERSHED PLANNING AND THE TIJUANA RIVER MOUTH MARINE PROTECTED AREA ON AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 8 PUBLIC MEETING**

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum on Thursday, November 8, 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.

Dr. Paul Ganster, Director of the Institute for Regional Studies of the Californias at San Diego State University, will share information about the Binational Border Water Resources Summit sponsored by the International Boundary and Water Commission on September 27-28, 2012 in El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua. He will summarize discussions by U.S. and Mexican policy makers and researchers about planning and management of the transboundary watersheds along the shared international boundary. The conclusions and recommendations produced by Summit participants regarding watersheds will also be discussed.

In other business, Diane Castaneda, Marine Conservation Coordinator at WILDCOAST, will talk about the newly-established Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in San Diego, specifically focusing on the Tijuana River Mouth State Marine Conservation Area, including the benefits, regulations, and biological and socioeconomic importance of the area. In addition, the

presentation will talk about the water quality regulations that are related to the Tijuana River Mouth MPA, how this might affect the operations of the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant operated by the USIBWC that discharges off the MPA, and how these efforts can help improve the border area beach water quality.

Also on the agenda, USIBWC Area Operations Manager Steve Smullen will provide an update on activities at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant and Tijuana River Flood Control Project.

A complete agenda follows.

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**USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM**  
**Thursday, November 8, 2012**  
**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)
- Watershed Planning Discussions at the Binational Border Water Resources Summit, El Paso-Ciudad Juarez, September 2012 – Paul Ganster, Ph.D., Director of the Institute for Regional Studies of the Californias, San Diego State University
- An Introduction to the Tijuana River Mouth Marine Protected Areas – Diane Castaneda, Marine Conservation Coordinator at WILDCOAST
- Update on Activities at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Tijuana River Flood Control Project – Steve Smullen, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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