



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

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**VECTOR CONTROL, UPDATE ON TIJUANA RIVER BASIN BINATIONAL ACCORD
TOPICS OF NEXT PUBLIC MEETING OF CITIZENS FORUM**

Vector control in San Diego County and the progress of the Tijuana River Basin binational accord Minute 320 are the topics of a public meeting of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) Citizens Forum Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA.

Chris Conlan, Supervising Ecologist, and Robert Murillo, Control Supervisor, for the San Diego County Vector Control Program will provide a joint presentation titled “County of San Diego Vector Control Program.” The presentation will outline the types of mosquitoes that occupy habitat in the Tijuana River Valley and the methods used to control them. The presentation will explain the efforts to monitor invasive species, personal protective measures, and how the public can help control these insects.

Steve Smullen, Area Operations Manager for the USIBWC San Diego Office, will give a status report titled “Update on Minute 320 Activities.” On October 5, 2015, the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, signed Minute 320, titled “*General Framework for Binational Cooperation on Transboundary Issues in the Tijuana River Basin,*” which enables priority issues of sediment, trash, and water quality in the Tijuana River Basin to be addressed cooperatively. The objective of this agreement is to benefit residents of both countries living in the Tijuana River Basin in the area of San Diego, California-Tijuana, Baja California through sustainable management of its transboundary resources. The first

meeting of the Binational Core Group was held on November 18, 2015. Smullen will explain the progress made of the binational group to address the Tijuana River Basin transboundary issues of Minute 320 of the 1944 Water Treaty.

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. The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the two countries. In the San Diego-Tijuana area, the Commission is involved with boundary demarcation, Tijuana River flood control, and operation of the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant, among other responsibilities.

A complete meeting agenda follows.

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM
Thursday, December 17, 2015
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room
301 Caspian Way
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions:** Steve Smullen, IBWC Area Operations Manager and Forum Co-Chair.
- **County of San Diego Vector Control Program:** Chris Conlan, Supervising Ecologist, and Robert Murillo, Control Supervisor, for the San Diego County Vector Control Program will provide a joint presentation to outline the types of mosquitoes that occupy habitat in the Tijuana River Valley and the methods that are used to control them.
- **Update on Minute 320 Activities:** Steve Smullen, Area Operations Manager for the IBWC San Diego Office, will give a status report on the Minute's progress on addressing transboundary issues of the Tijuana River Basin according to its provisions and the 1944 Water Treaty.
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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