USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM ORIENTATION

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CITIZENS FORUM PURPOSE

• To facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the local community regarding ongoing and future USIBWC projects in the area.

• The Citizens Forum is intended to bring together community members enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the USIBWC and the general public, environmentalists, water managers, government agencies, etc.
BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

• Attend public meetings three times per year
• Meetings in San Diego county (probably Imperial Beach and San Ysidro)
• Board term is for two years
• Board members are expected to be available to the public to facilitate the exchange of information
BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

• Review and comment on technical documents and activities associated with USIBWC projects in the area
• Discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects
• CF is not a federal advisory board; goal is to exchange information and to receive feedback from a diversity of viewpoints
• Board Members will not be disruptive to the Board or during the meetings
• Board Members will not serve as spokespeople for the IBWC
• Members serve as volunteers. There is no reimbursement for expenses
BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

• Board Members understand that being on the Citizens Forum Board entails a willingness to work cooperatively with other members to ensure the efficient and effective use of time

• Board Members will discuss topics ideas for the next meeting and the Co-Chair will send requests to the Public Affairs Officer no later than 2 weeks after the meeting
PAST TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

• UPDATE ON WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP ON CROSS BORDER SEWAGE IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY—COUNCILMEMBER VIVIAN MORENO’S OFFICE

• TREATMENT OF TRV SEWAGE SPILLS & STORM WATER SURGES WITH ELECTROCOAGULATION & MICRO ALGAE LAGOONS—DAN HENDRICKSON

• THE FUTURE OF THE TIJUANA RIVER—WATER QUALITY DECISIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW—LEON BEHNAM, CITIZENS FOR COASTAL CONSERVANCY (C4)

• ASSESSING PROJECTS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY—GREG COX’S OFFICE

• LEGISLATION FOR THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY—SENATOR HUESCO’S OFFICE

• UPDATES ON USIBWC ACTIVITIES IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY—USIBWC

• CORONADO’S EFFORTS IN ADDRESSING TRANSBOUNDARY SEWAGE ISSUES—RICHARD BAILEY, MAYOR, CITY OF CORONADO

• TIJUANA RIVER DIVERSION STUDY—NORTH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
PAST TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

• IMPROVEMENTS TO TIJUANA SANITATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND BINATIONAL PROJECTS AND STUDIES—USIBWC

• TOXIC TRAUMA: THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND HEALTH IMPACTS OF CROSS BORDER POLLUTION IN IMPERIAL BEACH—SERGE DEDINA, MAYOR, IMPERIAL BEACH

• MINUTE 320 ACTIONS TO ADDRESS TIJUANA RIVER WATER QUALITY—USIBWC

• UPDATE ON USIBWC PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA—USIBWC

• MINUTE 320 AND EFFORTS TO REHABILITATE THE LEVEE SYSTEM IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY—USIBWC

• PROTECTING SAN DIEGO’S COASTAL WATERS—AN OVERVIEW OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO/USIBWC SOUTH BAY OCEAN OUTFALL MONITORING PROGRAM—CITY OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

• THE IMPERIAL BEACH GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM UPDATE—CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH

• WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO—COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
CITIZENS FORUM LEADERSHIP

• Two Co-Chairs - they may alternate

• USIBWC Co-Chair
  • Principal Engineer Daniel Avila

• Community Co-chair
  • Selected by the board