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MAY 6 PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS  
WASTE TIRES AT THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER  
AND BINATIONAL WATER SUPPLY ISSUES  

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum on Thursday, May 6, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA 91932. The meeting will focus on water supply and environmental issues at the U.S.-Mexico border. The purpose of the Citizens Forum is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community about Commission projects and related issues in San Diego County.

Job Nelson, the Mayor’s Director of Intergovernmental Relations for the City of San Diego, will give a presentation on Senate Bill 167 and effects on the Tijuana River Valley. The bill requires development of a plan to address the waste tire problem at the U.S.-Mexico border. Oscar Romo of the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve will discuss waste tire projects involving Mexico.

Oscar Pombo, Professor at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, will discuss binational implications of water resources issues in Baja California. The Mexican state has a heavy dependence on Colorado River water with few alternative water sources. That makes Baja California’s development particularly vulnerable to global climate change and the potential reduction in availability of water from the Colorado River resulting from climate change.
In other business, USIBWC Engineer Dawi Dakhil will give an update on construction of the upgrade to the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP). The plant, which is located at the international border in San Diego County, treats wastewater from Tijuana. Construction is progressing, with 90% of all structural concrete work now completed, including the activated sludge tanks and the secondary sedimentation tanks. Overall, construction is more than 60% complete. The upgrade will improve the level of sewage treatment, resulting in cleaner effluent.

A complete agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may call 619-662-7600 or e-mail sally.spener@ibwc.gov.

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM  
Thursday, May 6, 2010  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room  
301 Caspian Way  
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – Oscar Romo, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- Senate Bill 167, Waste Tires in the California-Mexico Border Region - Job Nelson, Mayor’s Director of Intergovernmental Relations, City of San Diego, and Oscar Romo, Watershed Coordinator, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Water Resources of Baja California and their Binational Implications – Oscar Pombo, Professor of Urban and Environmental Studies, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Mexico)
- Update on Construction of the Secondary South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant – Dawi Dakhil, Civil Engineer, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Suggested Future Agenda Items
- Board Discussion – Citizens Forum Mission Statement, Meeting Report Outs

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