



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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MEET THE MAYOR, ADVOCACY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, AND USIBWC ACTIVITIES ON AGENDA FOR MARCH 4 MEETING VIA WEBINAR

The United States Section of the [International Boundary and Water Commission](#) (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum on **March 4, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. PST via webinar**. The meeting will cover an introduction by Mayor Todd Gloria, advocacy efforts for the region, and USIBWC activities in San Diego.

Todd Gloria, Mayor, City of San Diego, will introduce himself to the USIBWC, Citizens Forum Board Members, and attending participants, to share his commitment of addressing and improving environmental quality and public health in the region that has been impacted by transboundary flows, to include trash and sediment.

Nora Vargas, Vice Chair, Supervisor for District 1, County Board of Supervisors, will discuss her advocacy efforts to ensure the \$300 million secured as part of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) are allocated to the region for border infrastructure.

Xochitl Aranda, Acting Principal Engineering, USIBWC, will discuss the purchase of equipment and use of equipment, when it is able, by the USIBWC as part of the agreement for the Stay Order in the litigation case with the USIBWC and the State of California and other parties. During the Stay of litigation, the USIBWC will keep the public informed of ongoing

efforts to mitigate transboundary flows in the San Diego area, reporting this information at our Citizen's Forum meetings.

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.

To join our Teams Meeting, [click here](#). Click on "Join Meeting". If you do not have Teams installed on the device you will use to attend the meeting, it will work through any internet browser. If possible, it may be helpful for you to test connectivity on your own prior to the meeting by clicking on the Join link and ensuring your camera and microphone are functioning. Or join by phone: Call-in number: **915-320-4718** | **Conference ID: 337 567 237#**

For those connecting via phone, the presentations will be available before the start of the meeting [here](#). Look for the links for the 3/4/2021 meeting. If you would like to speak during public comment, then please sign up ahead of time by contacting Lori Kuczanski at lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov or 915-494-6027 by noon on March 4.

A complete meeting agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact the USIBWC public affairs office at 915-494-6027 or lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov.

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM

Thursday, March 4, 2021

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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Daniel Avila, Principal Engineer and Acting Commissioner, USIBWC, and Jon Jacobson, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Introductory Remarks** — Todd Gloria, Mayor, City of San Diego
- **The County’s Role in the Tijuana River Valley**—Vice Chair Nora Vargas, Supervisor for District 1, County Board of Supervisors
- **USIBWC Activities in San Diego**—Xochitl Aranda, Acting Principal Engineer, USIBWC
- **Public Comment**—To make public comment, RSVP by noon on March 4 to lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov or 915-494-6027
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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