



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC SELECTS 10 CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE 2-YEAR TERM

Commissioner Jayne Harkins of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has appointed 10 individuals to serve on the USIBWC Citizens Forum Board. The board members serve as volunteers for a two-year term. 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 in San Diego County, California. The first public meeting with the new board will take place on **Thursday, March 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Tijuana Estuary, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA.**

The new board members are:

- **Robert Karl Bradley:** Imperial Beach Review Board
- **Jill Galvez:** Councilmember, Chula Vista City Council
- **Ed Joel Gonzalez:** Chairperson of Coral Gate Community
- **Jon Jacobson:** San Diego Resident
- **Thomas P. McAndrews:** Retired Foreign Service Officer
- **Mitchell D. McKay:** President, Citizens for Coastal Conservancy
- **Dante Pamintuan:** Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors
- **Mary Powell:** Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association
- **Matt Rich:** Wood Environment and Infrastructure
- **Alex Yakutis:** Planning Commissioner, City of Coronado

USIBWC Principal Engineer Daniel Avila will serve as the USIBWC's representative on the board.

USIBWC Commissioner Jayne Harkins will also participate in the Board's first meeting,

As part of orientation activities for the new board, USIBWC Secretary Sally Spener will provide an overview of the history of the International Boundary and Water Commission, from its early days surveying and marking the U.S.- Mexico border, to its growing role in water management, based on the Convention of 1906 and the 1944 Water Treaty. She will also discuss the Commission's current responsibilities all along the border, including maintaining the boundary monuments, operating international storage dams and hydroelectric power plants, providing flood control, and operating international wastewater treatment plants.

Principal Engineer Daniel Avila will discuss the full range of Commission projects in the San Diego-Tijuana region, including the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Tijuana River Flood Control Project. He will also provide an update on current challenges.

USIBWC Public Affairs Officer Lori Kuczanski will provide an orientation for the 10 new board members regarding the board's role over the next two-year term.

A complete meeting agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact the USIBWC's office at 619-662-7600 or lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov.

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM
Thursday, March 5, 2020
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room
301 Caspian Way
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Jayne Harkins, Commissioner, USIBWC, and Daniel Avila, Principal Engineer of Operations, USIBWC, and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Overview of the History, Mission, and Projects of the International Boundary and Water Commission** – Sally Spener, Secretary, USIBWC
- **Overview of Commission Activities in San Diego** – Daniel Avila, Principal Engineer of Operations, USIBWC, and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Orientation for New Citizens Forum Board Members** – Lori Kuczanski, Public Affairs Officer, USIBWC
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion/Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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