



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND IMPERIAL BEACH TO DISCUSS WATER QUALITY MONITORING, PLANNED GROWTH AT JUNE 7 PUBLIC MEETING

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum on **June 7, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA.** The meeting will address Imperial Beach's state-mandated plan for growth and development. Also on the agenda is a presentation by the County of San Diego on its beach and bay water quality monitoring program.

Jim Nakagawa, the City Planner for the City of Imperial Beach, will discuss the city's General Plan and Local Coastal Program, adopted in 1994. Since 1994, California has enacted a number of laws requiring state and local authorities to address climate change impacts. One of the key state laws was Senate Bill 32 (the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006).

Keith Kezer, Program Coordinator, and Dominique Edwards, San Diego County's Environmental Health Specialist for the Department of Environmental Health, Beach and Bay Water Quality Monitoring Program, will provide an update on water quality monitoring activities at South San Diego County beaches. The presentation will include a discussion of the inter-related system of the Tijuana River, the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge, and the Pacific Ocean. The Beach and Bay Water Quality Monitoring Program implements a

comprehensive monitoring and surveillance program in South San Diego County to protect public health year-round at ocean beaches.

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.

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

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM
Thursday, June 7, 2018
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room
301 Caspian Way
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**—Paloma Aguirre, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **The Imperial Beach General Plan/Local Coastal Program Update**—Jim Nakagawa, City Planner, City of Imperial Beach
- **Water Quality Monitoring Program for The County of San Diego**—Keith Kezer, Program Coordinator, and Dominique Edwards, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, County of San Diego
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion/Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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