



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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EFFECTS OF SEWAGE IN CORONADO AND TIJUANA RIVER DIVERSION STUDY TO BE DISCUSSED AT JUNE 6 PUBLIC MEETING IN IMPERIAL BEACH, CA

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum on **June 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA.** Issues associated with transboundary wastewater flows and improvements to the Tijuana sanitation system will be discussed.

Richard Bailey, Mayor, City of Coronado, will provide historical figures on the effects of sewage in Coronado. He will also discuss the city's approach in addressing the issue including the city's overarching strategy, progress to date with key decision makers, and next important steps. Mayor Bailey will also provide attendees with a recap of the June 5th stakeholder meeting sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and hosted by Coronado.

Salvador Lopez, Chief Environmental Officer, North American Development Bank (NADB), will present the results of the Tijuana River Diversion Study funded by NADB through the EPA Project Development Assistance Program. The study evaluates multiple alternatives aimed at reducing transboundary flows in the Tijuana River. The study was overseen by a Core Group comprised of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (IBWC), EPA, Mexico's National Water Commission (CONAGUA), the Tijuana

wastewater utility (CESPT), and NADB. In addition, the study benefited from significant input from a larger stakeholder group consisting of 15 entities representing local governments, nongovernmental organizations, state agencies and elected officials.

The Citizens Forum Board will also hear from USIBWC Area Operations Manager Carlos Peña, who will give an update on USIBWC projects, to include a berm built in the Tijuana River channel to prevent transboundary flows from entering the U.S.

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 6, 2019
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room
301 Caspian Way
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Jon Jacobson, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Coronado’s Efforts in Addressing the Transboundary Sewage Issue**—
Richard Bailey, Mayor, City of Coronado
- **Tijuana River Diversion Study**—Salvador Lopez, Chief Environmental
Officer, North American Development Bank
- **Improvements to Tijuana Sanitation Infrastructure and Binational
Projects and Studies** — Carlos Peña, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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