



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **ASSESSING PROJECTS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY AND LEGISLATIVE FUNDING TO BE DISCUSSED AT SEPTEMBER 12 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 **September 12th, 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.

Victor Avina, Senior Land Use Policy Advisor, Vice- Chairman Greg Cox's Office, County of San Diego and Mark Seits, Vice President, HDR, will be presenting on the County of San Diego's effort to identify and prioritize potential projects that could be implemented on the United States side of the border to improve water quality in the Tijuana River Valley. The County has worked with stakeholders to identify 26 potential projects that could be implemented to address cross-border flows of sewage, trash, and sediment. The goal of the effort is to make the final assessment document public so the County can work with partners in the region to identify funding and other resources necessary to implement the top priority projects. The presentation will provide updates on this effort that will be completed by March 2020.

Ana Molina, Chief of Staff, Senator Ben Hueso's Office, will give an update on the \$15 million budget allocation requested by Senator Hueso in 2019 and supported by the California Legislature and Governor to address pollution in the Tijuana River Valley.

The Citizens Forum Board will also hear from USIBWC Civil Engineer Dawi Dakhil, who will give an update on USIBWC activities in the Tijuana River Valley.

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, September 12, 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
- **Assessing Projects to Improve Water Quality in the Tijuana River Valley**—Victor Avina, Senior Land Use Policy Advisor, Vice- Chairman Greg Cox’s Office, County of San Diego and Mark Seits, Vice President, HDR
- **Legislation for the Tijuana River Valley**—Ana Molina-Rodriguez, Chief of Staff, Senator Ben Hueso’s Office
- **Updates on USIBWC Activities in the Tijuana River Valley**— Dawi Dakhil, Civil Engineer, USIBWC
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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