



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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EFFORTS TO ADDRESS TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION IN THE TIJUANA RIVER WATERSHED ON AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 1 PUBLIC MEETING IN IMPERIAL BEACH, CA

Highlights from the Surfrider Foundation's No Border Sewage Committee tour of the Tijuana River Watershed in Mexico and cleanup events held as part of Tijuana River Action Month will be the focus of an upcoming public meeting in Imperial Beach, California. The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum on Thursday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA. 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.

Roger Kube, advisory committee member of the San Diego Chapter of Surfrider, will present highlights from the daylong tour of the Tijuana River Watershed in Mexico conducted by the Surfrider Foundation's No Border Sewage Committee. Conducted in April 2016 for about 25 people, the tour focused on understanding Tijuana's wastewater system and how it impacts border region water quality in the ocean. Mr. Kube will present more details with photos of the tour.

In other business, Ana Eguiarte, binational liaison, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve, will give 2016 results and observations on the Tijuana River Action Month (TRAM) project. Now in its seventh year, the TRAM is a series of educational and cleanup events in both Mexico and the United States dedicated to improving conditions in the Tijuana River Watershed. Ms. Eguiarte will also discuss a recent marine debris grant Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association has received to study

the potential for better plastics and Styrofoam control in Tijuana, and to facilitate a cross border information transfer on obstacles and incentives to those controls on both sides of the border.

A complete meeting agenda follows.

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM
Thursday, December 1, 2016
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room
301 Caspian Way
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – Edward Spriggs, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- Surfrider Foundation’s No Border Sewage Committee Tijuana River Watershed Tour –Roger Kube, Advisory Committee Member of the San Diego County Chapter of Surfrider
- Tijuana River Action Month 2016, Results and Observations – Ana Eguiarte, Binational Liaison, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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