



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT DECEMBER 5 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 **December 5th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA.**

Karla Mendez, Council Representative, Office of San Diego City Councilmember Vivian Moreno, District 8, will discuss Moreno's recent trip to Washington, DC and her meetings with Sen. Dianne Feinstein; Carlos Gutierrez, Consul General of Mexico in San Diego; Monica Vega, Tijuana Councilmember; key staff of the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittees, as well as key staff from the U. S. Department of State. Councilmember Moreno proactively advocated to bring awareness to federal legislators on the impact of cross-border sewage in the Tijuana River Valley.

Mechanical engineer Dan Hendrickson, President of Libre Energy Corporation, will discuss stormwater and wastewater treatment technologies that could be considered for future application in the Tijuana River basin. The technologies include industrial electrocoagulation (EC), which is used to treat a wide variety of contaminants, and introduction of micro-algae in wastewater treatment lagoons for improved biological treatment.

Leon Benham, Executive Director of Citizens for Coastal Conservancy (C4CC), will be presenting on the environmental issues faced along the United States-Mexico border in Southern

California. Mr. Benham will discuss cross-border pollution, ocean water quality, and the solutions being proposed to correct the issues. Mr. Benham will describe problems occurring in the Tijuana River Valley, ideas on how to clean up the river and stop cross border flows, and what C4CC believes will work.

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, December 5, 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
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – Baron Partlow, Citizens Forum Board Member
- **Update on Washington, DC Trip on Cross-Border Sewage in the Tijuana River Valley** – Karla Mendez, Council Representative, Office of City of San Diego Councilmember Vivian Moreno, District 8
- **Treatment of Sewage and Storm Water Surges with Electrocoagulation and Micro-Algae Lagoons** – Dan Hendrickson, Mechanical Engineer, President, Libre Energy Corporation
- **The Future of the Tijuana River – Water Quality Decisions for a Sustainable Tomorrow** – Leon Benham, Executive Director of Citizens for Coastal Conservancy (C4CC)
- **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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