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USIBWC CONTINUES WORK TO REDUCE IMPACTS OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT TIJUANA'S PARALLEL GRAVITY LINE

The U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) reports that the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP) and nearby U.S. canyon collector system are operating steadily following last night's increase in wastewater flows from Tijuana.

No major issues have been identified at SBIWTP. Current flows are approximately 34 million gallons per day (MGD). One main pump station (PB1) went offline at about 5:00 p.m. PDT on May 14; however, the plant treated an average of 37.35 MGD yesterday. Approximately 11.4 million gallons were blended through the plant's controlled bypass system, which drains into the ocean outfall.

Several Mexican pump stations are currently offline as repairs continue. At Smuggler's Gulch, pump station PB Matadero initiated a complete operational shutdown at approximately 11:10 a.m. PDT today, followed by pump station PB Laureles at approximately 11:25 a.m. PDT. In addition, the PBCILA pump station in Mexico shut down at about 5:00 p.m. PDT on May 14.

Despite these shutdowns, flows have remained lower than expected, and all canyon collectors remain open and are functioning as intended. The Mexican pump stations are expected to resume operations once repairs are fully completed.

As of 11:00 a.m. PDT today, flows in the Tijuana River are estimated at 26.9 MGD, down from a peak of about 41.5 MGD last night. Flows in the river are expected to increase beginning at approximately 3:30 p.m. PDT.

Mexican authorities (CESPT) identified and contained a leak in the Parallel Gravity Line that carries wastewater in Tijuana; however, repairs are still underway. Crews are working to fully isolate flows from the damaged section and strengthen the temporary bypass so repairs can proceed.

USIBWC will continue monitoring conditions at SBIWTP, the canyon collectors, and along the Tijuana River.

Coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Mexican water authorities is ongoing. Updates will be shared as more information becomes available.

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