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CROSS BORDER POLLUTION IN IMPERIAL BEACH DUE TO TRANSBOUNDARY FLOWS, TIJUANA SANITATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT MARCH 7 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 **March 7, 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.

Serge Dedina, Mayor, City of Imperial Beach, will discuss the economic, social, and health impacts of cross border pollution in Imperial Beach. The Mayor will describe his perspective on how severe water pollution from Tijuana has had a significant adverse impact on the local economy, social wellbeing, and the health of Imperial Beach residents. He describes the beach closures and water pollution as a trauma for the community. Mayor Dedina will also discuss how local tourism has been affected by beach closures.

The Citizens Forum Board will also hear from USIBWC Area Operations Manager Carlos Peña, who will give a report on the water and wastewater infrastructure in the San Diego and Tijuana area. Mr. Peña will provide an update on improvements to the Tijuana sanitation infrastructure and binational projects and studies.

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

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Carlos Peña, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC, and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Toxic Trauma: The Economic, Social, and Health Impacts of Cross Border Pollution in Imperial Beach**—Serge Dedina, Mayor, City of Imperial Beach
- **Minute 320 Actions to Address Tijuana River Water Quality** — Carlos Peña, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion/Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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