



## **International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section**

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### **INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION HISTORY AND PROJECTS ON AGENDA FOR MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC MEETING**

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) will discuss its history and activities in the San Diego region at the next public meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the USIBWC office, 2225 Dairy Mart Road, San Ysidro, CA.

Mark Howe, USIBWC Cultural Resources Specialist, will present an overview of the history of the International Boundary Commission (IBC) until the 1940s when the U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty of 1944 changed the Commission's name to the International Boundary and Water Commission and greatly expanded its responsibilities.

The forum will also hear from USIBWC Area Operations Manager Steve Smullen, who will give an overview of Commission activities in the San Diego-Tijuana region, including boundary demarcation, flood control, and wastewater treatment. His presentation will include a status report on a Commission agreement known as Minute No. 320, "General Framework for Binational Cooperation on Transboundary Issues in the Tijuana River Basin," which enables priority issues of sediment, trash, and water quality in the river basin to be addressed cooperatively. The agreement benefits residents of both countries through sustainable management of transboundary resources. By removing trash and taking actions aimed at eliminating sediment transport into the Tijuana River channel, the goal is to achieve this sustainability.

In other business, the USIBWC will welcome new Citizens Forum Board members and will provide an orientation regarding the board's role over the next two-year term.

A complete agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information may contact the USIBWC San Diego Field Office at 619-662-7600 or [sally.spener@ibwc.gov](mailto:sally.spener@ibwc.gov).

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