



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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MINUTE 320 UPDATES AND SOUTH BAY OCEAN OUTFALL MONITORING PROGRAM ON AGENDA AT SEPTEMBER 6 PUBLIC MEETING

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum on **September 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA.** The meeting will address the South Bay Ocean Outfall Monitoring Program and Minute 320 project updates.

Carlos Peña, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC, will present on the USIBWC infrastructure in the San Diego/Tijuana area. Mr. Peña will provide an update on binational efforts of Minute 320, a U.S.-Mexico agreement for binational cooperation on transboundary issues in the Tijuana River Basin, and the current tasks being implemented. He will discuss improvements to the Tijuana infrastructure, work in the Tijuana River Channel, the recent upgrade of the USIBWC's South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant, which treats 25 million gallons per day of Mexican sewage to U.S. standards, and binational projects and studies.

Tim Stebbins, Ph.D., Senior Marine Biologist and Ocean Monitoring Program Manager, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, will discuss the environmental monitoring work conducted to support the USIBWC and the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System regulatory permits governing the discharge of treated wastewater to the Pacific Ocean

via the South Bay and Point Loma ocean outfalls. The emphasis of the presentation will be on the joint program funded by the USIBWC and City to monitor environmental conditions surrounding the South Bay Ocean Outfall, which receives and discharges about 28 million gallons per day of commingled effluent generated by the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant and South Bay Water Reclamation Plant. Dr. Stebbins will provide an overview of the main monitoring activities conducted in order to assess ocean water quality conditions, plume dispersion, seafloor sediment quality, the health and status of marine invertebrate and fish communities, and more. Also presented will be a summary of recent regulatory changes and improvements, as well as highlights from the last two full years of monitoring (2016-2017).

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, September 6, 2018
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 and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Update on USIBWC Projects and Initiatives in the San Diego Project Area** — Carlos Peña, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- **Protecting San Diego’s Coastal Waters — An Overview of the City of San Diego/USIBWC South Bay Ocean Outfall Monitoring Program**— Tim Stebbins, Ph.D., Senior Marine Biologist | Ocean Monitoring Program Manager, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion/Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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