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USIBWC SIGNS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY LITIGATION; COMMISSIONER GINER TO SPEAK ON SCOPE OF SETTLEMENT

Dr. Maria-Elena Giner, Commissioner for the U.S. Section of the [International Boundary and Water Commission](#) (USIBWC), will speak on the settlement agreement in the Tijuana River Valley litigation signed April 19, concluding a four-year lawsuit with the Cities of Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, and San Diego, the Port of San Diego, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California State Lands Commission, and Surfrider Foundation. USIBWC was the defendant in all the lawsuits. In light of the settlement, the Plaintiffs have already filed a motion seeking to dismiss the lawsuits.

According to the settlement agreement, the USIBWC has agreed to take short-term, mid-term, and long-term actions to intercept or divert transboundary flows, in addition to assessing the feasibility and funding for sediment and trash removal in the Tijuana River Basin, and more. Some actions will begin immediately. Giner will discuss the scope of the settlement.

Giner will speak **Friday, April 22 at 12:00 p.m. PDT via Teams**. To join our Teams Meeting, go to our web page: <https://go.usa.gov/xsbdb> and click on “Join”. Or join by phone: Call-in number: **915-320-4718** | Conference ID: **944 358 327#**

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