



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC ACTIVITIES AND OCEAN MONITORING PROGRAM ON JULY 14 AGENDA FOR IN-PERSON MEETING

The United States Section of the [International Boundary and Water Commission](#) (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the USIBWC Citizens Forum on **July 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, CA.** The meeting will address infrastructure to aid water quality monitoring in the canyons along the border as well as the ocean monitoring program by the City of San Diego.

Morgan Rogers, P.E., Civil Engineer, Area Operations Manager, San Diego Field Office, USIBWC, will be discussing the seven catch basins installed in the canyon collectors to collect samples of dry weather transboundary flows and to test for water quality. The installation of the catch basins is part of a litigation settlement agreement in which the USIBWC was given six months to install the catch basins and the project was completed within three months of the settlement being signed.

Ryan Kempster, Ph.D., Ocean Monitoring Program Manager, City of San Diego, will provide an overview of the City of San Diego's Ocean Monitoring Program (OMP) designed to meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for three treatment facilities, including the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant. The OMP revolves around two major ocean outfalls: Point Loma and the South Bay with the primary goal of assessing the impact of discharging treated wastewater into the Pacific Ocean. The OMP

is extensive and covers a wide range of data collection efforts, including water quality, sediment quality, community structure and health, and wastewater plume tracking. Dr. Kempster will provide updates on the most recent data collection efforts and the current state of our local coastal waters.

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.

If you would like to speak during public comment, then please sign up ahead of time by contacting Lori Kuczanski at lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov or 915-494-6027 by noon on July 14.

A complete meeting agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact the USIBWC Public Affairs Office at 915-494-6027 or lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov.

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM
Thursday, July 14, 2022
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. PDT
Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room
301 Caspian Way
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

**** In-Person Meeting Only****

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Morgan Rogers, San Diego Field Office Area Operations Manager, USIBWC, and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **USIBWC Activities in San Diego** —Morgan Rogers, San Diego Field Office Area Operations Manager, USIBWC, and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Ocean Monitoring Program Manager** — Dr. Ryan Kempster, Senior Marine Biologist and Ocean Monitoring Program Manager, City of San Diego
- **Public Comment**—To make public comment, RSVP by noon on July 14 to lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov or 915-494-6027
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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