



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

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### **CONDITIONS AFFECTING OCEAN WATER QUALITY ON AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 1 PUBLIC MEETING IN IMPERIAL BEACH, CA**

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) Citizens Forum will discuss issues related to coastal water quality at a public meeting on September 1, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Tijuana Estuary, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach CA.

Mr. Derek Grimes, Graduate Student Researcher at Scripps Institute of Oceanography, will discuss a dye study conducted during the fall of 2015 in the coastal waters of Imperial Beach, CA. The study examined the exchange of ocean water between surf-zone and offshore locations. The experiment included three large dye releases during different oceanic conditions. Mr. Grimes will present preliminary results from the releases and discuss results relevant to beach pollution.

In other business, Mr. Roger Kube, Advisory Committee Member of the San Diego County Chapter of Surfrider, will present highlights from the Surfrider Foundation's No Border Sewage Committee daylong tour of the Tijuana River Watershed in Mexico. Conducted in April 2016 for about 25 people, the tour focused on understanding Tijuana's wastewater system and how it impacts border region water quality in the ocean. Mr. Kube will present details and photos of the tour.

This USIBWC Citizens Forum was established in 2002 to facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and members of the public about Commission activities in San Diego County, California. The Citizens Forum is intended to bring together community members enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the USIBWC and the general public, environmentalists, government agencies, municipalities, and other interested parties.

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

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**USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM**  
**Thursday, September 1, 2016**  
**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Tijuana Estuary Meeting Room**  
**301 Caspian Way**  
**Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

**AGENDA**

- Welcome and Introductions – Steve Smullen, USIBWC Area Operations Manager and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- Turning the CSIDE Pink: Cross Surf-Zone / Inner-Shelf Dye Exchange – Derek Grimes, Graduate Student Researcher, Scripps Institute of Oceanography. A dye study in the coastal waters of Imperial Beach was conducted in 2015 to examine the exchange of ocean water between surf-zone and offshore locations. Preliminary results relevant to beach pollution will be discussed.
- Surfrider Foundation's No Border Sewage Committee Tijuana River Watershed Tour – Roger Kube, Advisory Committee Member, Surfrider Foundation, San Diego County Chapter. Highlights of the April 2016 tour focused on understanding Tijuana's wastewater system and how it impacts border region water quality in our ocean. Details and photos from the tour will be presented.
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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