



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **USIBWC SELECTS CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS; PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 5**

Commissioner Edward Drusina, head of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), has appointed 10 people to serve on the USIBWC Citizens Forum board in San Diego County. 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 public meeting with the new board is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the USIBWC office, 2225 Dairy Mart Road, San Diego, CA 92173. The new board members are:

- Paloma Aguirre, Wildcoast
- Vivienne Bennett, California State University San Marcos, former Mexico adviser to San Diego County Water Authority
- Jo Brooks, Board President of San Diego Coastkeeper
- Paul Ganster, San Diego State University, Institute for Regional Studies of the Californias, former Chairman of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board
- Patrick McDonough, San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation
- Danielle Murphy, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Robert Scott, URS Corporation
- Edward Spriggs, City of Imperial Beach City Council (Chris Helmer, Environmental Programs Manager, City of Imperial Beach, will serve as board member alternate for Council Member Spriggs)
- Fred Threats, resident who lives near the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Mark West, Surfrider

"The new board brings together leaders from various sectors of the San Diego community. We look forward to partnering with them to address boundary and water issues affecting the region," said Commissioner Drusina.

At the December 5 meeting, USIBWC staff will give an overview of the history and mission of the Commission boundary wide and will discuss the Commission's activities in the San Diego-Tijuana region. A complete meeting agenda follows.

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**Thursday, December 5, 2013**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**USIBWC Office**  
**2225 Dairy Mart Road**  
**San Diego, CA 92173-2840**

**Agenda**

- Call to Order – Steve Smullen, Citizens Forum Co-Chair, USIBWC
- Introduction of New Board Members
- Overview of Commission History, Mission, and Projects – Sally Spener, Secretary, USIBWC
- Overview of Commission Projects and Activities in San Diego County – Steve Smullen, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Board Member Orientation – Sally Spener, Secretary, USIBWC
  - Board Member Roles and Responsibilities
  - Discussion of Meeting Locations and Times
  - Selection of a Community Co-Chairperson
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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