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STATEMENT OF USIBWC COMMISSIONER DR. MARIA-ELENA GINER, P.E., ON TRANSBOUNDARY FLOW REDUCTION EFFORTS

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) believes the transboundary pollution that has closed beaches in San Diego County has gone on long enough - and we are doing something about it.

During recent meetings with U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler and Governor Gavin Newsom, both of California, I outlined steps my agency is taking, including spending \$27 million in two years on urgent repairs to the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant.



The goal is to achieve plant compliance with environmental regulations by August.

We expect to award a contract this summer to rehabilitate and expand the plant with the goal of reducing cross-border flows by 90 percent in combination with Mexico's projects.

Meanwhile, we are working closely with Mexico to ensure their compliance with Minute 328. Thanks to these efforts, Mexico has committed \$144 million for their 17 infrastructure projects under this Minute, with approximately 30 percent of the funding secured.

Opening the beaches and addressing the public health threat are a priority for me. As such, I am personally involved in ensuring U.S. and Mexican wastewater treatment plants are functioning properly, and our two countries move forward on a solid plan to reduce the transboundary flows that have affected communities on both sides of the border.

If you want to keep up to date with what the USBIWC is doing along the U.S.-Mexico border, I invite you to follow our feed on X (@usibwc) or sign up for announcements by scanning the QR code below.

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