



The New River Improvement Project



A Project of the California Mexico Border Relations Council and the City of Calexico

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State Officials to Meet with Community on New River Improvement Project

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. – State officials will meet with community leaders and members of the public in a series of workshops to discuss plans and gather input for the New River Improvement Project as they begin to develop a strategic plan for the benefit of residents and business owners along the New River. This series of three public meetings will provide the Imperial County public with the first chance to learn what work has been done and to provide input on the future of the river.

WHEN/ **Brawley**
WHERE: Wednesday, **February 23, 2011**, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
All American Club
890 B Street, Brawley, CA 92227
Presentations at 6:30 p.m.

El Centro
Thursday, **February 24, 2011**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Imperial Irrigation District Board Room
1285 Broadway Ave., El Centro, CA 92243
Presentations at 1:30 p.m.

Calexico
Thursday, **February 24, 2011**, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
City of Calexico, Cultural Arts Center
421 Heffernan St., Calexico, CA 92231
Presentations at 6:30 p.m.

VISUALS: Maps and presentation boards.
Members of the public and the Technical Advisory Committee interacting
Presentations by work group leaders

The New River Improvement Project Technical Advisory Committee was established under AB 1079, which suggested a technical advisory committee be developed consisting of impacted cities and counties, relevant local, regional and state agencies and departments, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders. This committee was appointed by California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Linda Adams and is chaired by Ricardo Martinez, Cal/EPA Deputy Secretary for Border Affairs. The committee includes four work groups tasked with accomplishing the background work necessary to complete the strategic plan.

Cal/EPA is the umbrella organization that oversees the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Air Resources Board, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Cal/EPA's Border Affairs Unit has been working along the border to establish environmental policies that benefit both California, Mexico and its residents who live in the border region.

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