

ADDRESSING THE CROSS-BORDER SEWAGE CRISIS

A BINATIONAL RESPONSE TO TIJUANA WASTEWATER

SUMMER 2026



1 ABOUT VEOLIA WATER. WASTE. ENERGY.



The Global Environmental Solutions Leader

- Operate infrastructure for government agencies
- Focus on water, wastewater, waste
- 44 countries, 550 North American communities
- 3,200+ wastewater treatment plants worldwide

Supporting IBWC in South Bay Since 1997

- Operate the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant in San Ysidro
- 180 billion gallons of sewage treated
- 681 million metric tons of pollutants removed
- Treats more of Tijuana's sewage than Tijuana
- Only entity protecting South Bay from Tijuana sewage

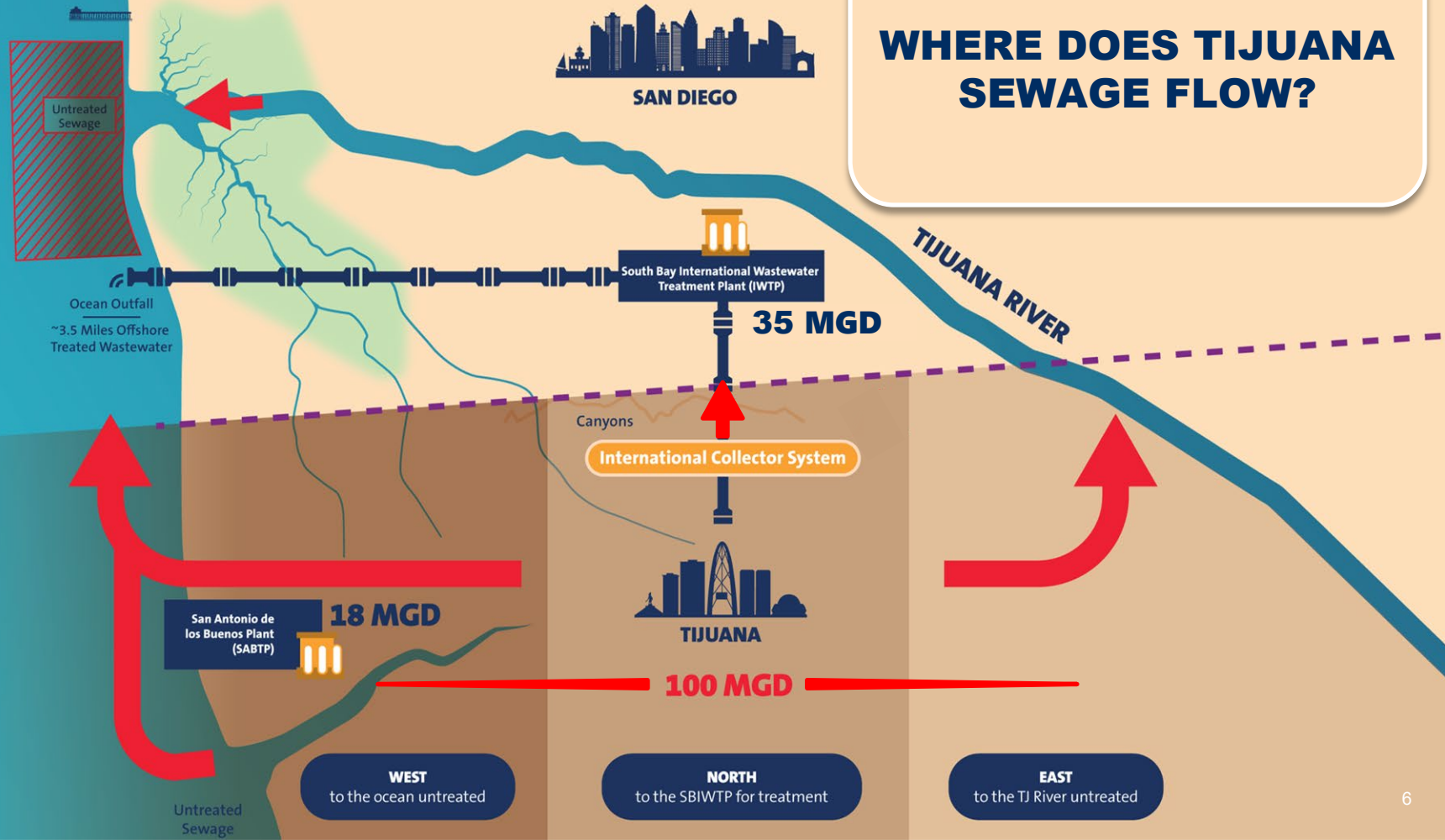




2 Tijuana Sewage Crisis

- Tijuana population: 2.35 million
- Population doubled since plant was built
- Produces millions of gallons of raw sewage daily
- Inadequate and failing sewage infrastructure

WHERE DOES TIJUANA SEWAGE FLOW?



South Bay IWTP's Limited

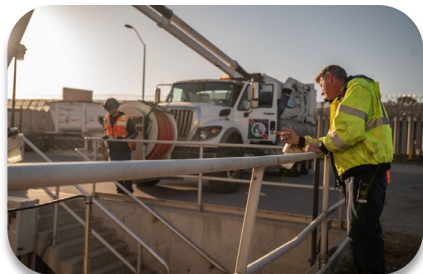
- Current capacity: 35 MGD
 - Roughly one third of Tijuana's daily sewage flows (100 MGD)
- Receives sewage from International Collector system and nearby canyons, not Tijuana River
- Never intended to protect San Diego from *ALL* of Tijuana's sewage



3 VEOLIA'S ROLE ON THE FRONT LINES

What Veolia Does

- Operates SBIWTP 24/7 for U.S. government
- Treats wastewater sent from downtown Tijuana
- Discharges treated water 3.5 miles offshore



What Veolia Does NOT Control

- Sewage flows from or into the Tijuana River
- Wastewater infrastructure failures in Mexico
- U.S. infrastructure policy or funding decisions
- Airborne pollutants from Tijuana River sewage



4 RECENT PROGRESS

18 MONTHS OF MOMENTUM TOWARD A FIX



U.S. Federal Engagement



Mexican Commitments



County Activity



Regional Collaboration

RECENT PROGRESS

18 MONTHS OF MOMENTUM TOWARD A FIX



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ADVANCING THE 100% SOLUTION BINATIONAL COLLABORATION

- 22 projects and studies underway
- More than \$1 billion invested by Mexico and U.S.
- Coordinated timelines ensure accountability
- Steady momentum delivering cleaner beaches and healthier air for residents
- 100% Solution on track by end of 2027



“We have been tracking every Mexico side project. They have been obligating the money... on time, and doing the projects... on time... We have not a single blown deadline to report.”

— Lee Zeldin, EPA Administrator

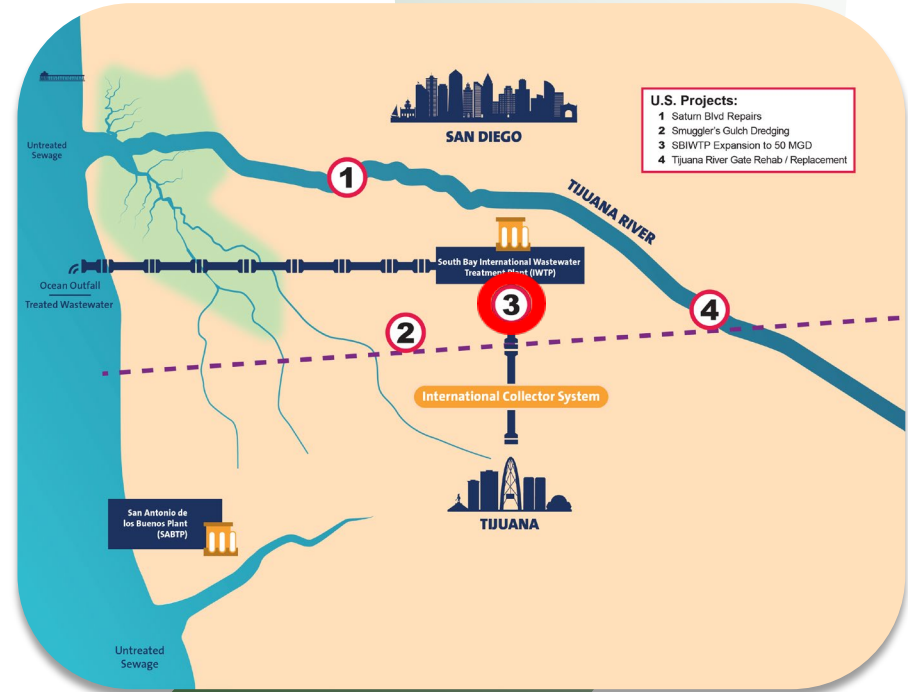
U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works
Committee Hearing

April 29, 2026

ADVANCING THE 100% SOLUTION

U.S. INVESTMENTS

- 4+ projects and studies underway or starting in 2026
- \$700M+ investment
 - Expand South Bay Plant capacity to 50 MGD
 - Improvements to Tijuana River sediment gates
 - Expedite related infrastructure projects
- **Objective:** Increase the amount of Tijuana sewage treated in the U.S.



ADVANCING THE 100% SOLUTION

MEXICAN INVESTMENTS

- 15+ projects underway or starting in 2026
- \$500M+ investment
 - Improve existing Tijuana sewer system
 - Increase capacity at Tijuana treatment plants
 - Construct new Tecolote La Gloria treatment plant
 - Projects to divert sewage from river for treatment
- **Objective:** Prevent sewage flows into the Tijuana River and Pacific Ocean by end of 2027

16 projects has been closely monitored through the execution of 20 actions. To date, there are 6 completed projects. 9 more actions are underway, 8 of which will be completed during 2026, meaning there is tangible progress in 75% of the projects outlined in Minute 328.

— Víctor Daniel Amador Barragán, Mexico Secretary of Water



South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (IWTP)



TIJUANA RIVER

Untreated
Sewage

Canyons

International Collector System

San Antonio de los
Buenos (SAB)
+
Tecolote-La Gloria

35 MGD

TIJUANA

100 MGD

WEST

to the ocean untreated

NORTH

to the SBIWTP for treatment

EAST

to the TJ River untreated

Untreated
Sewage

ADVANCING THE 100% SOLUTION

COUNTY INVESTMENTS

- **2025:** Distributed 10,000+ air filters to South Bay families and businesses
- **December 2025:** Utilized \$3.5M in federal funds to dredge Smuggler's Gulch (U.S. side)
- **January 2026:** Approved \$4.75M reserve investment for several key initiatives:
 - Saturn Blvd. hotspot improvements
 - Economic and health studies
 - Creating Pollution Crisis Chief position
 - Engaging Sacramento and Washington advocates to secure additional funds
- **March 2026:** Established Consumer Protection Unit to prosecute toxic polluters in Mexico



6 | VEOLIA'S ROLE CONTINUE TO PROTECT SOUTH BAY

- Operate South Bay Plant 24/7
- Treat wastewater sent from central Tijuana
- Maintain equipment and system reliability
- Support plant expansion to 50 MGD
- Coordinate with U.S. and Mexican officials to integrate plant into infrastructure upgrades
- Share information and best practices to ensure 100% solution is reached on time



7 CHALLENGES TO PROGRESS

MISGUIDED LAWSUITS RISK SEWAGE FIX

- Several class-action lawsuits claim Veolia employees responsible for sewage crisis
- Studies clear that failing Tijuana infrastructure to blame
- Baseless lawsuits divert time and resources at critical period
- Drain momentum and risk returning region to years of inaction
- Shifting blame gives Mexican leaders an excuse to halt funding and construction
- South Bay deserves real solutions, not dangerous distractions

“Every dollar spent fighting false lawsuits is a dollar that could have gone toward building pipelines and expanding treatment capacity.”

— Ignacio Martinez, South Bay Water Coalition Member and
Imperial Beach Resident

 **La Prensa .org**

May 26, 2026

THANK YOU!

ADVANCING A 100% SOLUTION

U.S. AND MEXICO PROJECTS (Minute 333)

PROJECT	COUNTRY	OUTCOME	FUNDING	COMPLETION
Parallel Gravity Main Rehab	Mexico	Reduce river sewage spills	~\$40M	Jul 2026
Insurgentes Collector Rehab	Mexico	Stabilize major sewer collector	~\$35M	Dec 2026
Pump Station Upgrades (PB Matadero, Laureles, PB-CILA)	Mexico	Improve pumping reliability	~\$29M	Dec 2026
Poniente Interceptor Rehabilitation	Mexico	Reduce sewer failures and spills	Part of ~\$34M Mexico federal commitment	Dec 2026
Oriente Interceptor Rehabilitation	Mexico	Improve wastewater conveyance reliability	Part of ~\$34M Mexico federal commitment	Dec 2026
Collector Carranza Rehabilitation	Mexico	Reduce sewer leaks and overflows	Part of ~\$34M Mexico federal commitment	Dec 2026
PB-1 Energy Supply / Backup Power	Mexico	Prevent pump station outages during storms	Funding being finalized	Dec 2026
Tijuana River Gate Rehab / Replacement	U.S. IBWC	Improve debris and flow control entering the U.S. channel	~\$5–10M estimated	TBD
Matadero Canyon Sediment Basin	Mexico / U.S. oversight	Capture sediment before reaching U.S.	~\$3.5M	Sep 2026
Arturo Herrera WWTP Upgrade	Mexico	Divert treated water for reuse	~\$40–60M	Dec 2027
La Morita WWTP Upgrade	Mexico	Expand reuse, reduce river discharge	~\$40–60M	Dec 2027
SBIWTP Expansion to 50 MGD	USIBWC / EPA	Increase treatment capacity +15 MGD	~\$653M	Dec 2027
Tecolote-La Gloria WWTP	Mexico	New treatment capacity	~\$350M+	Dec 2028
Smuggler's Gulch Dredging	Federal / Local	Remove 30k yd ³ sediment, reduce flooding ~80%	\$3.5M	Sep 2026
Saturn Blvd Repairs	San Diego County	Extend pipes, reduce exposure to pollutants	\$2.5M	2026
County Health Studies & Relief	San Diego County	Health studies + purifiers for ~2k residents	\$6.25M	2026–2027
State Expedited Border Funding	State of California	Accelerate sewage infrastructure repairs	\$46M	2026