



## INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

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### **USIBWC Reports Transboundary Flow at Stewarts Drain**

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) reports the following:

A pump failure at Mexican Pump Station PB1 caused excess transboundary flows at Stewart's Drain on March 14 and 15th.

Approximately 25,235 gallons bypassed the collector on March 14 at about 8 p.m. PDT and lasted 1 hour and 15 minutes. On March 15, approximately 20,115 gallons bypassed the collector at 6 p.m. PDT and lasted 1 hour and 30 minutes.

The USIBWC deployed three portable pumps at Stewart's Drain to support transboundary flow prevention and response. The South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant received about 30 Million Gallons Day during peak hours.

River levels did not increase, and flows remained in the immediate area - about 150 ft from the collector - and did not reach the Tijuana River Channel.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services was notified on March 14 at 10:40 p.m. (Control No. 26-1271) and again on March 15 at 7:40 p.m. (Control No. 26-1279).

No impacts to the treatment plant have been reported.

The USIBWC X account is a good place to check for updates: <https://x.com/usibwc>

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