

# RTOC Border Workgroup

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# Tribes within the border region





# Activities

- Meet quarterly between RTOCs to discuss priorities, desired presentations, and goals.
  - Include Mexican Indigenous Communities in the workgroup and as a part of the Border 2025
  - Define the role of Regional Coordinators
  - More participatory role in Task Forces
- Developed presentations for RTOCs:
  - USMCA Mitigation of Contaminated Transboundary Flows Project in the Tijuana River Watershed
  - Border Program throughout the years and Tribal involvement
  - TCTACs and step-by-step on use for Tribes
- Participate and present at Regional Coordination meetings - AZ/Sonora & CA/Baja
- Work with SEMARNAT to gain understanding of the environmental concerns
- Participated in virtual Tribal Listening sessions with OITA's Assistant Administrator, Jane Nishida
- Signing of the Instituto Nacional de los Pueblos Indígenas (INPI) letter
- National Coordinators meeting

# RTOC Border Workgroup Goals and Objectives/*Metas y Objetivos del Grupo de Trabajo de RTOC*



- Objectives:
  - Share information and updates about the Border 2025 program; and
  - Facilitate dialogue and build capacity on border issues and topics of interest to tribes;
  - Facilitate dialogue through informational meetings about the Program and identify needs and resources.
- Ensure full tribal participation and improve program results

- Objetivos:
  - Compartir información y actualizaciones sobre el programa Frontera 2025; y
  - Facilitar el diálogo y desarrollar capacidades sobre cuestiones fronterizas y temas de interés para las tribus;
  - Facilitar el diálogo a través de reuniones informativas sobre el Programa e identificar necesidades y recursos.
- Garantizar la participación tribal total y mejorar los resultados del programa

# Tribal Planned Activities or Priority Areas to be addressed/ Actividades planificadas o areas para abordar a lo largo de la frontera



- Climate Crisis
- Air Quality
- Regulatory Programs
- Drought
- Brownfields
- Community/Ecological Development
- Encroaching Urban development
- Drinking Water
- Wastewater

- Crisis Climatica
- Calidad del aire
- Programas regulatorios
- Sequía
- Areas Industriales Abandonados
- Desarrollo Comunitario / Ecológico
- Invasión del desarrollo urbano
- Agua potable
- Aguas residuales





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## Objectives and Program Review

# Border Program History

## *Historia del programa fronterizo*



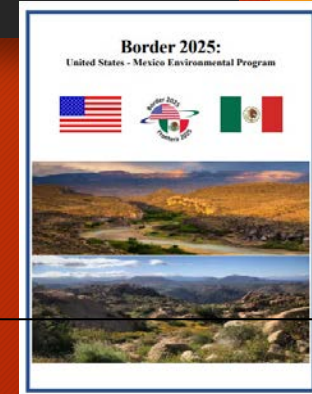
La Paz  
Agreement/*Acuerdo*

IBEP

BXXI

B2012

B2020



• Links •

1983

1992-2020

Present

Future  
Program

*Programa futuro*

- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and North American Development Bank (NADB) established
- Border Water Infrastructure Program (BWIP) formed
- USEPA opens El Paso and San Diego border offices
- Commission for Environmental Cooperation is formed

- United States – Mexico- Canada Agreement (USMCA) signed into law

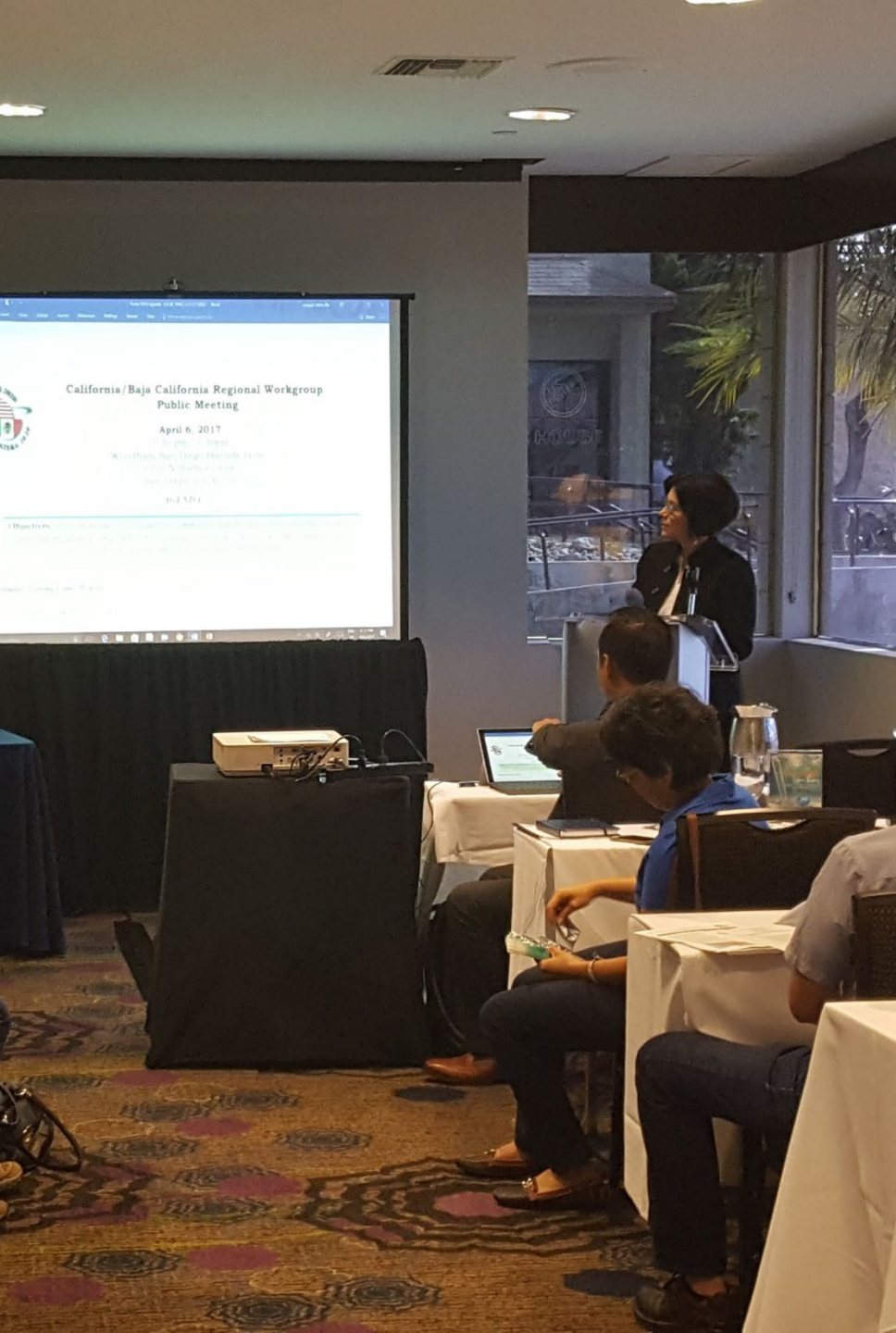




# Twelve Guiding Principles

- Building Capacity towards Climate Change Resiliency
- Protecting Disadvantaged and Underserved Communities
- Promoting Environmental Awareness
- Promoting Environmental Health
- Working to Improve Children's Health
- Strengthening Tribal, State, Federal, and International Communications and Partnerships





# Partners and Participants

- Government agencies – federal, state, local
  - 15 sister-city pairs
- 27 U.S. Tribal governments
- Mexican indigenous communities
- County governments
- City governments
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Academic organizations
- Community members



# Border 2025 Goals and Task Forces

## GOAL 1: Improve AIR Quality



## GOAL 2: Improve WATER Quality



## GOAL 3: Promote Sustainable Materials and WASTE Management



## GOAL 4: Improve Joint PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE to hazardous environmental emergencies



# Looking to the Future

- Share information
- Hear your insights
- Planning for the next program, after Border 2025.  
NCM is a great way of shaping the next program.

