

## HR 1663

### Border Water Quality Restoration and Protection Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Mar 8, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. (May 6, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1663>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 572	Identical bill	Mar 3, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1028-1029)

## **Border Water Quality Restoration and Protection Act of 2021**

This bill establishes programs that address water pollution along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Specifically, the bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish the Tijuana River Public Health and Water Quality Restoration Program. Under the program, the EPA must plan, implement, coordinate, and provide grants for public health and water quality restoration and protection activities in the Mexican Tijuana River watershed and the American Tijuana River watershed in California.

In addition, the EPA must establish the California New River Public Health and Water Quality Restoration Program to plan, implement, coordinate, and provide grants for water quality restoration and protection activities in the New River watershed.

Finally, the bill provides statutory authority for the U.S.-Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Program to provide assistance for activities related to the construction of infrastructure for drinking water treatment or distribution, wastewater management, or stormwater management.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 6, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.