



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC APPOINTS COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS; PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR MARCH 5 IN YUMA, ARIZONA

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) announces the appointment of new board members to the Colorado River Citizens Forum (CRCF). The first public meeting with the new board is scheduled for March 5, 4:00-6:00 p.m. MST at Yuma County Development Services, Aldrich Hall, 2351 West 26th Street in Yuma, Arizona.

United States Commissioner Edward Drusina has appointed the following board members:

- Ronda C. Aguerro, Quechan Indian Tribe, Tribal Council Vice President, Yuma, AZ (Orson Bevins, planner, Quechan Indian Tribe Economic Development Administration, Citizens Forum Board Alternate)
- Yazmin Arellano-Torres, City of Brawley Public Works Director and City Engineer, Brawley, CA
- Glenna Barrett, biologist and community volunteer, Imperial CA
- Chuck Cullom, Central Arizona Project, Phoenix, AZ
- Tom W. Davis, Yuma County Water Users' Association, Yuma, AZ
- C. Kevin Eatherly, City of Yuma, Capital Improvement Program Supervisor and Water Resource Liaison, Yuma, AZ
- John Hernandez, Our Roots Multi-Cultural Center, community volunteer, Brawley, CA
- Bruce Kuhn, Imperial Irrigation District Board of Directors, Imperial, CA
- Roberta J. (Bobbi) McDermott, Wellton Mohawk Valley Natural Resources Conservation District, Yuma Natural Resources Conservation District, Yuma, AZ
- Cary Meister, Yuma Audubon Society, Yuma, AZ
- Tomas Sanchez, James Davey and Associates, Inc., Project Engineer for firm specializing in water resources engineering, Yuma, AZ
- Alex Steenstra, Northern Arizona University professor, Yuma, AZ

USIBWC Yuma Area Operations Manager Anna Morales will serve as the agency representative on the board. Board members will serve a two-year term.

"This board brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in water issues from a variety of viewpoints. I look forward to their support as we address the region's boundary and water issues," said Commissioner Drusina.

The USIBWC established the CRCF in 2003 to facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and members of the public about Commission activities in Yuma County, Arizona and Imperial County, California. The CRCF is intended to bring together community members, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the USIBWC and the general public, environmentalists, government agencies, irrigation districts, municipalities, and other interested parties.

Commissioner Drusina will attend the March 5 meeting to welcome the new board. In other business, USIBWC Secretary Sally Spener will give an overview of Commission history, mission, and projects while USIBWC Area Operations Manager Anna Morales will present information about the Commission's activities in Yuma and Imperial Counties. The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico. To carry out its responsibilities, the Commission has various projects along the U.S.-Mexico border including international storage dams and diversion dams, wastewater treatment plants, flood control levees, and boundary demarcation monuments. A complete meeting agenda follows.

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COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM
Wednesday, March 5, 2014
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. MST
Yuma County Development Services, Aldrich Hall
2351 West 26th Street*
Yuma, Arizona 85364

Agenda

- Call to Order – Anna Morales, Citizens Forum Co-Chair, USIBWC
- Introduction of New Board Members
- Welcoming Remarks – Commissioner Edward Drusina
- Overview of Commission History, Mission, and Projects – Sally Spener, Secretary, USIBWC
- Overview of Commission Projects and Activities in Yuma and Imperial Counties – Anna Morales, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Board Member Orientation – Sally Spener, Secretary, USIBWC
 - Board Member Roles and Responsibilities
 - Discussion of Meeting Locations and Times
 - Selection of a Community Co-Chairperson
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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