



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC SELECTS CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS; MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14

Commissioner Edward Drusina of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has appointed nine people to serve on the Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum Board. The purpose of the Citizens Forum is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community about Commission projects and related activities in Pima, Cochise, and Santa Cruz Counties.

Commissioner Drusina has appointed the following board members, who will serve a two-year term:

- Rosanna Gabaldon – State Representative District No. 2, incumbent Citizens Forum board member
- Luis Greer – Douglas City Council
- Jackson Jenkins – Director of Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
- John Kozma – Green Valley Council Environmental Committee, Upper Santa Cruz Providers and Users Group Planning Committee Member
- Ben Lomeli – Friends of the Santa Cruz River Board of Directors, incumbent Citizens Forum board member
- Jenny Neeley – Conservation Policy Director and Legal Counsel for the Sky Island Alliance, incumbent Citizens Forum board member
- Lisa Reed – U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Community Relations
- Jonathon Shacat – former border news reporter in Cochise County
- Amanda Stone – Southern Regional Office Director for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

John Light, Area Operations Manager of the USIBWC's Nogales office, will serve as the USIBWC representative on the board.

“I am impressed by the qualifications and diverse backgrounds of these new board members and their eagerness to get involved. I know they will be an asset as we work with the community to address the challenges we face with border water resources,” said Commissioner Drusina.

The first public meeting with the new board will take place on Thursday, March 14, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ocotillo Room of Las Campanas Social Center, 565 West Belltower Drive in Green Valley, Arizona. At the meeting, USIBWC staff will provide an overview of Commission history, mission, and projects, with a focus on activities in Southeast Arizona, and will provide an orientation for the new board.

The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico. In Southeast Arizona, the USIBWC operates the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant, addresses a variety of transboundary sanitation and water issues, and demarcates the international boundary.

A complete agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may call 520-281-1832 or e-mail sally.spener@ibwc.gov.

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SOUTHEAST ARIZONA CITIZENS FORUM

Thursday, March 14, 2013

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Las Campanas Social Center – Ocotillo Room

565 West Belltower Drive*

Green Valley, AZ 85614

Agenda

- Call to Order – John Light, USIBWC Area Operations Manager
- Introduction of New Board Members
- Overview of Commission Projects in Southeast Arizona – John Light, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Board Member Orientation – Sally Spener, Secretary, USIBWC
 - Overview of Commission History, Mission, and Projects
 - Board Member Roles and Responsibilities
 - Discussion of Meeting Locations and Times
 - Selection of a Community Co-Chairperson
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

***Directions:** Take I-19 to Esperanza Blvd. exit. Go west on Esperanza past the traffic light at La Canada Drive to Desert Bell Drive. Turn right on Desert Bell Drive. Then take your first right onto W. Belltower Drive. The Las Campanas Social Center is on the right.

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