



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC SELECTS CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS; PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR JUNE 8 IN YUMA

Commissioner Edward Drusina of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has appointed 11 board members and 2 alternates to serve on the Colorado River Citizens Forum Board. The first public meeting with the new board will take place on Wednesday, June 8, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. MST/PDT at the Yuma Civic Center – West Wing, 1440 W. Desert Hills Drive, Yuma, AZ. The new board members and alternates are:

Board Members

- **Jim Buster**, former local and state elected official, volunteer with environmental organizations, former Director of Legislative Affairs for Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Avondale, AZ.
- **Raymond Castillo**, Imperial County Board of Supervisors. El Centro, CA.
- **Glenn Freeman**, retired District Manager of Bureau of Land Management. Yuma, AZ.
- **Norma Galindo**, President of the Imperial Irrigation District Board of Directors. Imperial, CA.
- **John Hernandez**, Executive Director of Our Roots Multi-Cultural Center. Brawley, CA.
- **Gary Knight**, Yuma City Councilmember. Yuma, AZ.
- **Brian McNeece**, Retired College Professor and Administrator. El Centro, CA.
- **Juan Leal Rubio**, Senior Planner, Yuma County Department of Development Services. Yuma, AZ.
- **Alex Steenstra**, Chair of the Department of Business and Administration, Northern Arizona University Yuma Branch Campus. Yuma, AZ.
- **Roberta (Bobbi) Stevenson-McDermott**, Yuma Natural Resource Conservation District member, advisor to the Wellton-Mohawk Valley Natural Resource Conservation District, member of the Arizona Association of Conservation Districts Board. Yuma, AZ.
- **Tanya Trujillo**, Executive Director, Colorado River Board of California. Glendale, CA.

Alternates

- **Chris Harris**, Deputy Director, Colorado River Board of California. Glendale, CA.
- **Jay Simonton**, Director of Utilities, City of Yuma. Yuma, AZ.

USIBWC Area Operations Manager Anna Morales will serve as the USIBWC representative on the 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 Yuma County, Arizona and Imperial County, California.

At the June 8 meeting, Commissioner Drusina will present an overview of USIBWC expectations for the Colorado River Citizens Forum Board.

USIBWC Secretary Sally Spener will give a briefing on the history of the International Boundary and Water Commission, from its early days of surveying and marking the U.S.- Mexico border to its growing role in water management. Spener will also discuss the Commission's current responsibilities all along the border, including maintaining the boundary monuments, operating international storage dams and hydroelectric power plants, providing flood control, and operating international wastewater treatment plants.

USIBWC Area Operations Manager Anna Morales will give an overview of the Commission's responsibilities in the Colorado River region, including delivering Colorado River water to Mexico in accordance with international agreements, and addressing water quality concerns.

A complete agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may call 928-782-1598 or e-mail shellie.munoz@ibwc.gov.

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COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

4:00-6:00 p.m. MST/PDT

Yuma Civic Center – West Wing

1440 W. Desert Hills Drive*

Yuma, AZ 85365

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions – Anna Morales, Citizens Forum Co-Chair, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Recognition of New Board Members – Edward Drusina, Commissioner, USIBWC
- History and Projects of the International Boundary and Water Commission – Sally Spener, Secretary, USIBWC
- Projects and Activities of the USIBWC Yuma Field Office – Anna Morales, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Break
- New Board Member Orientation – Sally Spener, Secretary, USIBWC
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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