



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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Salton Sea, Moving Forward Project and Remote Sensing on Irrigation Usage Topics of Yuma Community Meeting

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has put together an agenda about regional water issues for its next Colorado River Citizens Forum meeting that begins at 4 p.m., Sep. 9, 2015, at the Yuma County Development Services Building, 2351 West 26th Street, Yuma Arizona 85364.

At the forum, Bruce Wilcox, manager of environmental and Salton Sea programs at the Imperial Irrigation District (IID), will give a presentation on the status of various restoration efforts including the Salton Sea Authority's Feasibility and Funding Plan, and Imperial County's Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy initiative. Wilcox will also include the State's Species Conservation Habitat project in his status report. Wilcox's presentation on the Salton Sea will also cover a brief discussion of the future of the lake, including predictions on future water levels and salinity.

The Citizens Forum will also hear from Pamela Adams, hydrologist with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, who will give an update on the *Moving Forward* effort, a result of the 2012 Colorado River Basin Study, which confirmed that, in the absence of timely actions, there are likely to be significant shortfalls between projected water supplies and demands in coming decades in the Colorado River Basin. The *Moving Forward* effort builds upon and enhances the broad, inclusive stakeholder process demonstrated in the Basin Study with an ultimate goal of identifying actionable steps with broad-based support to address projected water supply and demand imbalances.

Jeremy Dodds, natural resource specialist, Lower Colorado Region, Boulder Canyon Operations Office at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, will give an overview of Reclamation's remote sensing activities in the Lower Colorado River Basin in support of the Secretary of the Interior's role as

water master. Dodds will discuss how Reclamation uses remote sensing technology to monitor and provide estimates of annual agricultural and riparian vegetation water use, and open water evaporation along the lower Colorado River from Hoover Dam to the Southerly International Boundary (SIB) with Mexico.

The USIBWC established the Colorado River Citizens Forum in 2003 to facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and members of the public about activities in Yuma County, Arizona and Imperial County, California. The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico. A complete meeting agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact 928-782-1598 or mario.montes@ibwc.gov.

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The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) invites you to a public meeting of the...

COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM
Wednesday, September 9, 2015
4:00-6:00 p.m. MST/PDT
Yuma County Development Services Building
2351 West 26th Street*
Yuma, Arizona 85364

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions – Anna Morales, Citizens Forum Co-Chair, USIBWC.
- **Status of Salton Sea Restoration:** Bruce Wilcox, Manager Environmental and Salton Sea Programs, Imperial Irrigation District (IID), will give updates on the status of various restoration efforts.
- **Moving Forward Project Update:** Pamela Adams, Hydrologist, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, Bureau of Reclamation, will give an update on the Moving Forward project to address water supply and demand imbalances in the Colorado River basin.
- **Remote Sensing and Evapotranspiration Estimates in the Lower Colorado River Basin:** Jeremy Dodds, Natural Resource Specialist, Lower Colorado Region, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, Bureau of Reclamation, will provide an overview of remote sensing activities to estimate agricultural and riparian vegetation water use.
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

***Directions:** From I-8, exit 2 US-95/16th Street. Go west on 16th Street for approximately 2 1/2 miles. Turn left on Avenue B to 26th Street. Turn left on 26th Street. Building is on your right (south side of Walmart).

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Calendar Announcement

September 9, 2015, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. MST/PDT. Public meeting of the Colorado River Citizens Forum of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission at the Yuma County Development Services Building, 2351 West 26th Street in Yuma, Arizona. Agenda items include Salton Sea restoration, efforts to address water supply and demand imbalances in the Colorado River basin, and remote sensing activities to estimate agricultural and riparian vegetation water use. For more information, call 928-782-1598 or email mario.montes@ibwc.gov.

Here is an abbreviated version if you don't have room for the more informative announcement:

USIBWC Colorado River Citizens Forum public meeting, at 4 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, at Yuma County Development Services Building, 2351 West 26th Street in Yuma. For more information, call 928-782-1598 or email mario.montes@ibwc.gov.