



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC APPOINTS COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS; PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR DECEMBER 7 IN EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

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 December 7, 4:00-6:00 p.m. PST at the Imperial Irrigation District Board Room, 1285 Broadway, El Centro, California.

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

- Jim Cherry, Cherry Water Management, former Bureau of Reclamation manager
- Chuck Cullom, Central Arizona Project
- Tom Davis, Yuma County Water Users' Association
- Kevin Eatherly, City of Yuma and Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area
- Karl Enockson, Yuma resident
- Elston Grubaugh, Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District
- Mark McBroom, Imperial County Farm Bureau
- Roberta McDermott, retired USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Stella Mendoza, Imperial Irrigation District Board of Directors
- Bill Plummer, Water Resources Consulting, former Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director, former Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources

USIBWC Yuma Area Operations Manager Anna Morales will serve as the agency representative on the board. Board members will serve a two-year term. The USIBWC appointed new board members to replace those whose terms had expired; several incumbent board members were appointed for another term.

"I am impressed with the experience these new board members bring to the Citizens Forum," said U.S. Commissioner Edward Drusina. "I know they will be a great asset to the

Commission as we work to increase the community's knowledge of our work on Colorado River issues."

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.

At the December 7 meeting, USIBWC Public Affairs Officer Sally Spener will give an overview of Commission history and projects and will review the duties of the CRCF Board. 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.

Also on the agenda, USIBWC Area Operations Manager Anna Morales will present information about the Commission's current activities in Yuma and Imperial Counties, including ensuring delivery of Colorado River water to Mexico and monitoring the salinity of those deliveries.

A complete meeting agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact the USIBWC's Yuma Office at 928-782-1598 or Public Affairs Officer Sally Spener at 915-832-4175 or sally.spener@ibwc.gov.

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COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM
Wednesday, December 7, 2011
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. PST/5:00 – 7:00 MST
Imperial Irrigation District Board Room
1285 Broadway
El Centro, CA

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction of New Board Members
- Overview of the Mission, History, and Projects of the International Boundary and Water Commission – Sally Spener, Public Affairs Officer, USIBWC
- Overview of the Responsibilities and Activities of the USIBWC's Yuma Office – Anna Morales, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- New Board Member Orientation – Sally Spener, Public Affairs Officer, USIBWC

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