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USIBWC ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF CITIZENS' FORUM BOARD MEMBERS

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (USIBWC), announces the selection of four Arizona residents to serve on the Southeast Arizona Citizens' Forum Board. USIBWC Commissioner Carlos M. Ramirez established the Citizens' Forum in 2002 to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the public about Commission projects in the area.

The USIBWC selected the following board members:

- William M. Campbell, Tohono O'odham Water Resources Administrator, Sells
- Kathryn Daily, Cochise County Water Wise Program Coordinator, Sierra Vista
- Greg Lucero, Santa Cruz County Manager, Nogales
- Charles Sotelo, real estate broker/owner involved in cross border developments, Bisbee

"These individuals offer diverse perspectives on border issues. I know the Citizens' Forum will benefit from their participation," said Commissioner Ramirez.

The four newest board members join others who were appointed last year:

- Diane Carper - Cochise County Health Director, Bisbee
- John Hays - Santa Cruz County Flood Control District, Nogales
- Ben Lomeli - Friends of the Santa Cruz River, Nogales
- Carol Moore - Cochise County Bio-Terrorism Preparedness, Bisbee
- Terry W. Sprouse - University of Arizona, Water Resources Research Center, Tucson
- Robert B. Strain - Sierra Vista City Council, Upper San Pedro Partnership, Sierra Vista
- Jacque Zamora - USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Douglas

Additionally, USIBWC Deputy Commissioner Carlos Marin serves as the agency's representative on the board.

The Southeast Arizona Citizens' Forum provides a focal point for the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the local community regarding ongoing and future USIBWC projects in Southeast Arizona, particularly Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties. The Citizens' Forum 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, municipalities, etc.

The board conducts quarterly public meetings at sites alternating between Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties. The next meeting is scheduled for July 30, 4:00 p.m., Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Cochise County Complex, Building B, 1415 W. Melody Lane in Bisbee.

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (IBWC), is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico.

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