International Boundary & Water Commission
United States Section

COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS' FORUM

Background

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the Board of the Colorado River Citizens' Forum (CRCF), a group established to promote the exchange of information regarding USIBWC activities in Yuma County, Arizona and Imperial County, California. All CRCF meetings are open to the public and act as a focal point for the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the local community regarding ongoing and future USIBWC projects in the area. 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, irrigation districts, government agencies, municipalities, etc. The CRCF Board currently has 11 members representing diverse interests; the terms of all Board Members are expiring. The Board meets regularly, approximately four times per year, to discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects. Meetings are held at sites alternating between Yuma and Imperial Counties.

How to Become a Colorado River Citizens' Forum Member

Application forms should be submitted by June 30, 2009 in order for Board selection to be completed before the next meeting, which is scheduled for September 1, 2009. Board Members to the CRCF will be selected by the USIBWC in consideration of the agency's interest in encouraging participation by diverse interests. Incumbent Board Members may apply for another term. Please return your completed application to: Sally Spener, USIBWC, 4171 N. Mesa, C-100, El Paso, TX 79902 or fax: 915-832-4195. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Spener at 915-832-4175 or sallyspener@ibwc.gov. Additional information about the USIBWC is available at www.ibwc.gov.

APPLICATION FORM

COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS' FORUM
INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES SECTION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Street/City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone numbers (including area code):

Daytime: _____ Cellular: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

PART I: INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

This portion of the form will give the USIBWC a more accurate idea of your interests and concerns regarding USIBWC acitivies in the area. You may attach additional sheets.

1. Are you affiliated with any group? If so, please list the group(s) and any positions held.

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2. Do you have any interests in or concerns about specific USIBWC activities? If so, please elaborate.

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3. Would you be interested in being on a mailing list to receive fact sheets and meeting notices from the USIBWC about its programs?

☐ Yes, I would like to be on the mailing list.

PART II: PARTICIPATION IN THE CITIZENS' FORUM

Board members of the Citizens' Forum are expected to serve a 2-year term and to attend all meetings. Members who miss two or more consecutive meetings may be asked to resign. Duties and responsibilities will include reviewing and commenting on technical documents and activities associated with USIBWC activities in the project area. Board members will be expected to be available to the public to facilitate the exchange of information and/or concerns between the community and the Forum. Participation in the Citizens' Forum is strictly voluntary and members will not be financially compensated. Board members will be chosen by a USIBWC selection panel and will be representative of the diverse interests of the community.

Those who do not serve directly on the Citizens' Forum Board may still participate in activities. Interested members of the community will be included on the mailing list and will be invited to attend all Forum meetings, which are open to the public. The public will be able to comment at the Forum meetings during a time set aside for public comments and input.

NOTE: Priority for Citizens' Forum Board membership will be given to local residents, groups or organizations which could be directly affected by USIBWC activities.

1. Please state why you would like to be considered for Citizens' Forum Board membership.

2. Describe your experience working as a member of a diverse group with common goals.

3. Non-USIBWC members of the Forum Board will select a community co-chairperson. Please indicate if you are interested in being the community co-chairperson by checking on the box below.

☐ Yes, I would like to be considered.

4. If you responded yes to question 3, please state why you would be interested in being the community co-chairperson.

5. By submitting this signed application, you:

- are aware that being a Citizens' Forum Board member will involve a set time commitment;
- understand that being a Citizens' Forum Board member entails a willingness to work cooperatively with other members to ensure the efficient and effective use of time;
- understand that serving on the Citizens' Forum Board will be voluntary and that members will not receive compensation for this service; and,
- understand the following Privacy Act information regarding providing your name, address and telephone number for this survey:

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

Authority: 5 USC § 552a and 22 USC § 277
Principal Purpose: To identify members of the local community who are interested in participation in the Citizens' Forum.
Routine Uses: The requested information will be used to develop a list of interested persons from which the community members of the Citizens' Forum will be selected. The information will also be used by the USIBWC to contact the individuals who are selected or who wish to be on the mailing list. Disclosure of the requested information is voluntary. Failure to provide all the requested information may prevent selection to the Citizens' Forum.

Applicant Signature Date

Please return the completed form by June 30, 2009 to: Sally Spener, USIBWC, 4171 N. Mesa Street, C-100, El Paso, TX 79902 or fax: 915-832-4195.