



## **International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section**

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### **JANUARY 12 PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS REGIONAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum for Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mariposa Room of the Esplendor Resort, 1069 Camino Caralampi, Rio Rico, AZ. The purpose of the forum is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community regarding Commission projects and related activities in Pima, Cochise, and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona.

Deborah Tosline with the Bureau of Reclamation will give a presentation about the Santa Cruz Active Management Area Water Storage Study. The watershed is generally characterized as having a good water supply. However, a shallow aquifer system provides little water storage, especially in times of drought. The appraisal-level study evaluates storage alternatives in the Santa Cruz Active Management Area and makes recommendations on alternatives to ensure reliable future water supplies.

Temis Alvarez, Program Manager with the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC), will give an overview of new initiatives and programs related to border infrastructure being undertaken by the BECC, discuss projects in the Arizona-Sonora region, and discuss the Los Alisos wastewater collection and treatment project in Nogales, Sonora, which

will improve sanitation on both sides of the border, and a related effort for solar generation for the new treatment plant.

Don Atwood with the USIBWC will discuss efforts to support the City of Nogales, Arizona in making improvements to the water and wastewater infrastructure in the city, including the Nogales Wash stormwater channel and an international sewer pipe known as the International Outfall Interceptor (IOI). Although the Wash and IOI are owned by the City of Nogales, USIBWC is working cooperatively with the city and with Mexico to help identify strategies to upgrade the infrastructure to reduce flooding and the risk of sewage spills.

A complete agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may call 520-281-1832 or e-mail [sally.spener@ibwc.gov](mailto:sally.spener@ibwc.gov).

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**SOUTHEAST ARIZONA CITIZENS FORUM**  
**Thursday, January 12, 2012**  
**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Mariposa Room, Esplendor Resort**  
**1069 Camino Caralampi**  
**Rio Rico, AZ 85648**

**Agenda**

- Call to Order – Alejandro Barcenas, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- Santa Cruz Active Management Area Water Storage Study – Deborah Tosline, R.G., Hydrologist/Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation
- Update on Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC)/North American Development Bank (NADB) Projects in the Nogales Border Region – Temis Alvarez, Program Manager, BECC
- Update on Nogales Wash and International Outfall Interceptor Projects – Don Atwood, Engineering Services Division, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion/Suggested Future Agenda Items

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