



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

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### **SEPTEMBER 1 PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS LOWER COLORADO RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AND YUMA DESALTING PLANT**

Yuma-area projects on the Lower Colorado River will be discussed at the next public meeting of the Colorado River Citizens Forum (CRCF). The CRCF was established by the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) to facilitate the exchange of information between the community and the Commission about USIBWC activities and related projects in the region. The meeting will take place Wednesday, September 1, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. MST at the Yuma Community Food Bank, 2404 East 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A, in Yuma, Arizona.

John Swett, Program Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP) will discuss the status of the MSCP, a long-term multi-agency effort to conserve and work towards the recovery of endangered species, and protect and maintain wildlife habitat on the lower Colorado River.

Reclamation's Yuma Area Manager, Jennifer McCloskey, will give a status update on the pilot run of the Yuma Desalting Plant (YDP), which began in May. The YDP was constructed to treat saline agricultural return flows from the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District as part of the water delivered to Mexico under the 1944 Water Treaty, allowing a like amount of water to be retained in Lake Mead. McCloskey will discuss plant performance to date and anticipated outcomes by the conclusion of the run.

A complete meeting agenda is attached. 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](mailto:sally.spener@ibwc.gov).

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## **COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM**

**Wednesday, September 1, 2010**

**4:00 - 6:00 P.M. MST**

**Yuma Community Food Bank**

**2404 E 24th Street, Suite A**

**Yuma, AZ 85365**

### **AGENDA**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Status of Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program – John Swett, Program Manager, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, Bureau of Reclamation
- Pilot Run of the Yuma Desalting Plant, Status Update – Jennifer McCloskey, Area Manager, Yuma Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation
- Public Comment
- Suggested Future Agenda Items
- Board Discussion

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