



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

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### **PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS COLORADO RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECTS**

Environmental projects affecting the lower Colorado River will be discussed at the September 7 public meeting of the Colorado River Citizens Forum (CRCF). The CRCF was established by the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) to facilitate the exchange of information with the public about Commission activities and related matters in the region. The meeting is scheduled for 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (MST/PDT) at the Yuma Palms Regional Center Community Room, 1305 S. Yuma Palms Parkway in Yuma, Arizona.

Three environmental restoration projects in the lower Colorado River region will be discussed – Hunter's Hole, Miguel Aleman, and Yuma East Wetlands. The Hunter's Hole project is a habitat restoration site in the international reach of the Colorado River in the United States. Across the river from Hunter's Hole, planning is underway to restore habitat on 50 acres at what is known as the Miguel Aleman site in Mexico. The Miguel Aleman restoration is being developed by the United States and Mexico as a pilot project through the Colorado River Joint Cooperative Process established by the International Boundary and Water Commission. The intent is to restore cottonwood, willow, and mesquite habitat in one of the most degraded areas in this reach of the river. The Yuma East Wetlands, located along the Colorado River in the City of Yuma and the Quechan Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, features restored habitat and recreational trails in an area once choked with non-native vegetation and known for illegal activity. The project partners on all three restoration efforts are working toward sustainability in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP).

This will be the last meeting with the current CRCF board as board member terms are expiring. The USIBWC will be appointing a new board this fall. Applications, which will be open to the general public, will be available at the meeting. Board members serve as volunteers for a two-year term.

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 via email at [sally.spener@ibwc.gov](mailto:sally.spener@ibwc.gov).

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**COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM**  
**Wednesday, September 7**  
**4:00 - 6:00 P.M. MST/PDT**  
**Yuma Palms Regional Center Community Room**  
**1305 S. Yuma Palms Parkway**  
**Yuma, Arizona**

**AGENDA**

- Welcome and Introductions – Anna Morales, Yuma Area Operations Manager and Citizens Forum Co-Chair, USIBWC
- Update on Lower Colorado River Environmental Restoration Projects – Kevin Eatherly, City of Yuma/Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, Terry Murphy, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Pronatura (invited)
  - Hunter's Hole
  - Miguel Aleman Site
  - Yuma East Wetlands
- Public Comment
- Recognition of Board Members
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

**Directions:** From Imperial County, I-8 east to Yuma. Exit 2, 16<sup>th</sup> St./US-95. Turn left onto 16th/US-95. Turn left onto Yuma Palms Pkwy. Turn right onto Castle Dome. Drive to the stop sign and make a left. Continue to the back of the Sprint building. The Community Room is located directly behind the Sprint building west of Sam's Club truck parking. Parking is available in the back.

If you have a disability that you wish to self-identify confidentially that requires accommodation, please advise us ahead of time. For more information, call 928-782-1598 or e-mail [sally.spener@ibwc.gov](mailto:sally.spener@ibwc.gov).