



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is seeking applications from community members interested in participating in the Colorado River Citizens Forum (CRCF). The CRCF was established in 2003 to facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and members of the public about Commission projects and related activities in Yuma County, Arizona and Imperial County, California.

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, government agencies, irrigation districts, municipalities, and other interested parties. Duties and responsibilities will include reviewing and commenting on technical documents and activities associated with USIBWC projects in the area.

All CRCF board members recently completed their terms so the USIBWC has opened the application process to the general public to select a new board. Incumbent board members who wish to continue their service may apply for re-appointment.

The board conducts regular public meetings, approximately four times per year, to discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects. Meeting sites alternate between Yuma and Imperial Counties. Board members serve as volunteers for a two-year term and are expected to attend all meetings.

The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling any differences that may arise. Commission projects and activities include maintenance of the boundary monuments, demarcation of the international boundary at the ports of entry, delivery of Colorado River water to Mexico in conformance with the 1944 Water Treaty, water quality monitoring, and sanitation, among other responsibilities.

Members of the public who would like an application for the Colorado River Citizens Forum may contact the USIBWC Yuma Projects Office at 928-782-1598 or Public Affairs Officer Sally Spener at sally.spener@ibwc.gov. Applications are due by October 14, 2011. The application and additional information are also available at: http://www.ibwc.state.gov/Files/CF_CR_App_Form_090711.pdf

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