Welcome from the Commissioners:

We have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the Binational Border Water Resources Summit organized by the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, which will take place September 27-28, 2012 in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua and El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of the Summit is to bring together U.S. and Mexican water managers, irrigators, local, state, and federal government officials, nongovernmental organizations, and the academic community to share information and enhance U.S.-Mexico cooperation on border water issues. The theme of this year's Summit is Border Water Resources: Past, Present, and Future.

Together with our partners, the El Paso Water Utilities, the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), the North American Development Bank, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Southwest Consortium for Environmental Research & Policy (SCERP), the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez (UACJ), and the Municipal Water Board of Ciudad Juarez (JMAS) we are convening the Summit under the Commission's broad duties encompassed in the “United States-Mexico Treaty on the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande,” that dates back to February 3, 1944. The first day of the Summit will take place at the UACJ and the second at UTEP.

The Summit builds on the efforts of the Commission at its successful 2005 Summit focused on the Rio Grande and its 2011 Summit focused on sanitation and water quality issues throughout the entire U.S.-Mexico border region. We anticipate attendance from approximately 200 participants from both countries. The meeting will be conducted in both English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation services provided for all plenary and breakout sessions.

We look forward to your participation.

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