



USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM ORIENTATION

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Colorado River Citizens Forum

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CITIZENS FORUM PURPOSE

- To facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the local community regarding ongoing and future USIBWC projects in the area
- The Citizens Forum 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, water managers, government agencies, etc.

BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

- Attend public meetings three times per year
- Meetings will be via *Microsoft Teams* until further notice.
In-person meetings rotate between Yuma, AZ and El Centro, Ca.
- Board term is for two years
- Board members are expected to be available to the public to facilitate the exchange of information

BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

- CF is not a federal advisory board; goal is to exchange information and to receive feedback from a diversity of viewpoints
- Review and comment on technical documents and activities associated with USIBWC projects in the area
- Discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects
- Board Members will not serve as spokespeople for the IBWC
- Members serve as volunteers. There is no reimbursement for expenses

BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

- Board Members understand that being on the Citizens Forum Board entails a willingness to work cooperatively with other members to ensure the efficient and effective use of time
- Board Members will discuss topics ideas for the next meeting and the Co-Chair will send requests to the Public Affairs Officer no later than 2 weeks after the meeting

PAST TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Colorado River Basin: System Status and Outlook
- IBWC Salinity Control Report
- New River Water Quality
- USIBWC History of the New River
- Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan—An Arizona Perspective
- Impacts of the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan on Yuma Agriculture
- Accounting for Lower Colorado River Water
- Salton Sea Management Program
- Drought Contingency Plan
- New River Improvement Project
- Agricultural Crop and Livestock Report 2016

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- A Review of the Imperial Irrigation District's Biological Control Program
- Vegetation Management
- Colorado River Basin: System Status Update and Outlook for 2018-2019
- Minute 323 on US-Mexico Colorado River Cooperation
- Salton Sea Air Quality Mitigation Program
- Aquatic Invasive Species

BOARD ITEMS TO DISCUSS

- Currently, meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday every 4 months
- Meeting time is 4:00-6:00
- Meetings will be webinars until further notice. In-person meetings alternate between Yuma, Az. and El Centro, Ca.
- Meeting Minutes
- Notices go out 2 weeks prior to meeting via email
- Reminder phone call the day prior
- Board Member tours- when in-person meetings resume

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