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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
PAST TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- 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 3\textsuperscript{rd} 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