



USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM ORIENTATION

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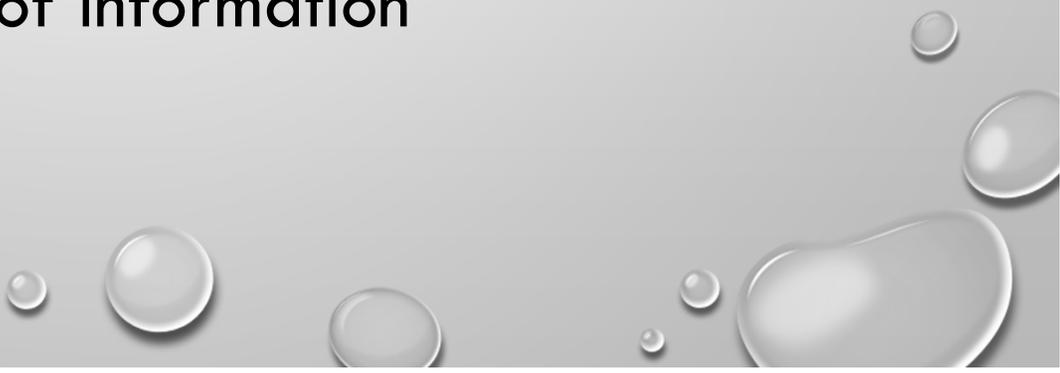


CITIZENS FORUM PURPOSE

- 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.
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BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

- Attend public meetings three times per year
 - Meetings held at the Mercedes Field Office
 - Board term is for two years
 - Board members are expected to be available to the public to facilitate the exchange of information
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- 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
- CF is not a federal advisory board; goal is to exchange information and to receive feedback from a diversity of viewpoints
- Board Members will not be disruptive to the Board or during the meetings
- Board Members will not serve as spokespeople for the IBWC
- Members serve as volunteers. There is no reimbursement for expenses

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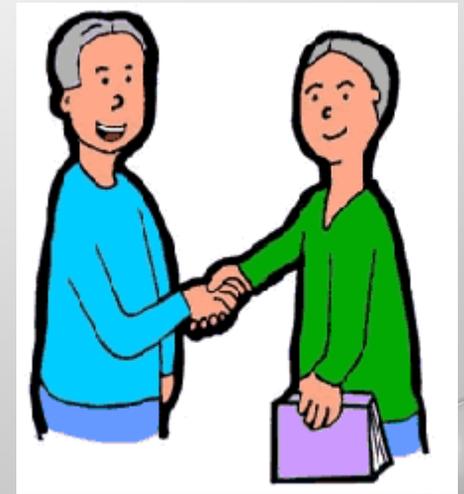
- Board Members understand that being on the Citizens Forum Board entails a willingness to work cooperatively with other members to ensure the efficient and effective use of time
- Board Members will discuss topics ideas for the next meeting and the Co-Chair will send requests to the Public Affairs Officer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

PAST TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- **HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY LONG RANGE PLAN –** ERIC DAVILA, P.E., CHIEF DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER, HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
- **ILLEGAL DUMPING ON THE LEVEES –** HIDALGO COUNTY DEPUTY CONSTABLES LEOBARDO ORTIZ AND SANDY ALONZO, PRECINCT #2
- **LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE UPDATE –** FRANK MARTINEZ, ASSISTANT AREA OPERATIONS MANAGER, MERCEDES FIELD OFFICE, USIBWC
- **IBWC SAFETY OF DAMS PROGRAM–** LORENA SORIANO, CIVIL ENGINEER, SAFETY OF DAMS OFFICER, USIBWC
- **LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES –** JOE TRITZ, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, USIBWC

CITIZENS FORUM LEADERSHIP

- Two Co-Chairs- they may alternate
- USIBWC Co-Chair
 - Area Operations Manager Juan Uribe
- Community Co-chair
 - Selected by the board



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