USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM ORIENTATION

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Lower Rio Grande 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 four times per year
• Meetings in Mercedes regarding the Rio Grande Valley
• 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
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 may elect to vote Board Members off the Board or to select a replacement, such as an alternative, but the new Board Member will need to fill out an application and submit to the IBWC for record purposes

• Board Members will discuss topics ideas for the next meeting and will send requests to the Public Affairs Officer no later than 2 weeks after the meeting
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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