



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.
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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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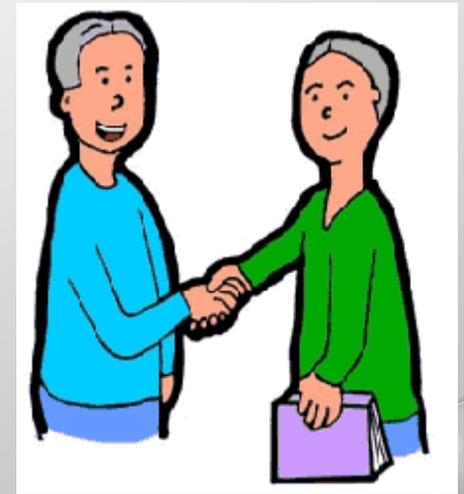
- Review and comment on technical documents and activities associated with USIBWC projects in the area
- Discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects
- CF is not a federal advisory board; goal is to exchange information and to receive feedback from a diversity of viewpoints
- 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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