



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.

BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

- Attend public meetings three times per year
- Meetings alternate between Cochise, Pima, and Santa Cruz Counties
- 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

- Cured in Place Pipe Repairs
- Aquatic species in the Santa Cruz River
- PFAS—a classification of contaminants in groundwater, surface water, soil, etc.
- Los Alisos Wastewater Treatment Plant operations and its current condition
- U.S.-Mexico transboundary stormwater control issue in and around Nogales, AZ and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico
- Management of the Santa Cruz River and the Nogales Wash
- Cochise County using stormwater recharge to benefit the San Pedro River
- Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Program (TAAP)
- Financing, construction, operation and maintenance of environmental projects along the border

PAST TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Metals in wastewater treated at the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Health of the binational Santa Cruz River
- Cooperative water-sharing between the U.S. and Mexico
- Minute 320—efforts to restore and monitor habitat in the Colorado River Delta through 2026 by committing the U.S. and Mexico to provide water and funding
- Sustainable water vision to meet community and environmental needs
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BOARD ITEMS TO DISCUSS

- Currently, meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday quarterly
- Meeting time is 5:00-7:00
- Alternating locations
 - Pima County
 - Santa Cruz County
 - Cochise County
- Meeting Minutes
- Notices go out 2 weeks prior to meeting via email
- Board Member tours
- Reminder phone call the day prior
- Name tags/name tents

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