



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC APPOINTS COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS; PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 1 IN YUMA, ARIZONA

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) announces the appointment of new board members to the Colorado River Citizens Forum (CRCF). The first public meeting with the new board is scheduled for September 1, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Yuma Palms Regional Center Community Room, 1305 S. Yuma Palms Parkway in Yuma, Arizona.

United States Commissioner C.W. "Bill" Ruth has appointed the following board members:

- Kevin Eatherly, Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area
- Miguel Figueroa, Calexico New River Committee
- Elston Grubaugh, Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District
- Stella Mendoza, Imperial Irrigation District
- Marcos Moore, Jr., Arizona Farm Bureau
- Wade Noble, attorney for various Arizona irrigation districts
- N.W. Bill Plummer, water resources consultant
- Sam F. Spiller, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Nancy Wright, California Regional Water Quality Control Board

USIBWC Yuma Area Operations Manager Anna Morales will serve as the agency representative on the board. Board members will serve a two-year term. The USIBWC appointed new board members to replace those whose terms had expired; several incumbent board members were appointed for another term.

The USIBWC established the CRCF in 2003 to facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and members of the public about Commission activities in Yuma County, Arizona and Imperial County, California. The CRCF 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, government agencies, irrigation districts, municipalities, and other interested parties.

At the September 1 meeting, USIBWC Public Affairs Officer Sally Spener will give an overview of Commission responsibilities and will review the duties of the CRCF Board. The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico. To carry out its responsibilities, the Commission has various projects along the U.S.-Mexico border including international storage dams and diversion dams, wastewater treatment plants, flood control levees, and boundary demarcation monuments.

Also on the agenda, USIBWC Area Operations Manager Anna Morales will present information about the Commission's current activities in Yuma and Imperial Counties, including ensuring delivery of water to Mexico and monitoring the salinity of those deliveries.

A complete meeting agenda is attached. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact the USIBWC's Yuma Office at 928-782-1598 or Public Affairs Officer Sally Spener at 915-832-4175 or sallyspener@ibwc.gov.

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COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM
Tuesday, September 1
4:00 - 6:00 P.M. MST/PDT
Yuma Palms Regional Center Community Room
1305 S. Yuma Palms Parkway
Yuma, Arizona

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions – Anna Morales, Yuma Area Operations Manager and Citizens Forum Co-Chair, USIBWC
- Overview of Commission History and Projects, Citizens Forum Board Member Orientation – Sally Spener, Public Affairs Officer, USIBWC
- USIBWC Yuma Office Projects and Activities – Anna Morales, Yuma Area Operations Manager and Citizens Forum Co-Chair, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Suggested Future Agenda Items
- Board Discussion

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