



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC APPOINTS LOWER RIO GRANDE CITIZENS FORUM BOARD

Commissioner C.W. “Bill” Ruth of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has appointed new board members to the Lower Rio Grande Citizens Forum (LRGCF). The LRGCF was established by the USIBWC to facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and members of the public about Commission activities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The first public meeting with the new board will be held Wednesday, October 21, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Commission office at 325 Golf Course Road in Mercedes, Texas. The new board members are:

- Patty Alexander, Cameron County Drainage District #1, Lower Rio Grande Valley Nature Center, Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Weslaco
- Robert Beattie, retired civil engineer, retired Texas Department of Transportation manager, McAllen
- Sofia Benavides, Cameron County Commissioner, Brownsville
- Carl Boyd, retired USIBWC employee, National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Weslaco
- Jerry Freeman, Sierra Club Conservation Officer, South Texas College Professor, Weslaco
- Godfrey Garza, Jr., Hidalgo County Drainage District #1, Edinburg
- Darla Jones, City of La Feria, Assistant City Manager, La Feria
- Bill Lewis, Halff Associates, American Society of Civil Engineers, Vice President of the Texas Section of the American Waterworks Association, Water Environment Federation, McAllen
- Eddie Lucio, III, Texas State Representative, Brownsville
- Bradly Nibert, McAllen Citizens League, Edinburg
- Philip Waldron, Dos Logistics Environmental and Water Specialist, Weslaco

The appointments were made to fill expired board terms. USIBWC Lower Rio Grande Area Operations Manager Rodolfo Montero 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.

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