



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC SELECTS CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2-YEAR TERM

Commissioner Jayne Harkins of the [United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission](#) (USIBWC) has appointed nine people to serve on the [Colorado River Citizens Forum](#) (CRCF).

The new board members are:

- **Curtis L. Cloud:** Retired, Bureau of Reclamation
- **Elston K. Grubaugh:** Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District
- **Trina Hamby:** Resident of Brawley, CA
- **Africa Luna-Carrasco:** City of San Luis, Councilmember
- **P. Brian McNeece:** Imperial Valley Coalition for Fair Sharing of Water
- **Patrick O'Dowd:** Salton Sea Authority
- **Lowell Perry, Jr.:** Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area
- **Meghan Scott:** Yuma County Agriculture Water Coalition
- **Tina Shields:** Imperial Irrigation District

USIBWC Yuma Area Operations Manager Anna Morales will serve as the Commission's representative on the board. Board Members serve a two-year term. The USIBWC hosted an orientation session for the new board on January 27.

“I would like to offer my sincere congratulations as you assume your new responsibilities as Board Members for the Colorado River Citizens Forum,” said Commissioner Harkins. “My staff and I look forward to your expertise and cooperation.”

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 designed to bring together community members, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between USIBWC and the general public, environmentalists, irrigation districts, municipalities, and others.

The board will conduct regular public meetings, approximately three times per year. Virtual meetings will be held until further notice. The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling differences that arise in the application of the treaties. Commission projects and activities include maintenance of the boundary monuments, demarcation of the international boundary at the ports of entry, delivery of Colorado River water to Mexico in conformance with the 1944 Water Treaty, water quality monitoring, flood control, and sanitation, among other responsibilities.

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