



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **USIBWC SELECTS 12 CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE 2-YEAR TERM IN SOUTHEAST ARIZONA**

Commissioner Edward Drusina of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has appointed 12 residents to serve on the Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum Board (SEAZCF). The purpose of the Citizens Forum is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community about Commission projects and related activities in Santa Cruz, Cochise, and Pima Counties. The first public meeting with the new board will take place on **Thursday, March 15, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Pima County Water and Energy Sustainability Center Radon Conference Room, 2955 W. Calle Agua Nueva, Tucson, AZ.**

The new board members are:

- **Barbara Escobar:** Pima County, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Manager
- **Rosanna Gabaldon:** Arizona State Representative
- **Charles (Chuck) Graf:** Tucson Resident
- **Ben Lomeli:** Friends of the Santa Cruz River, Board Member
- **John B. Lynch:** Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Advisory Committee Member
- **James Meza:** Arizona State Parks and Trails, Water Resources Specialist
- **Jenny Neeley:** Program Manager, Conservation Science, Pima County Office of Sustainability and Conservation
- **Raleigh Ormerod:** Green Valley and Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce, Toastmasters International

- **Jacob Petersen-Perlman:** University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center, Research Analyst
- **V. Firat Sever:** QuakeWrap, Inc., Environmental Engineer
- **Yolanda Soto:** Santa Cruz County Resident
- **Mark F. Taylor:** Vice President Westland Resources, Inc.

The board will also include John Light, Area Operations Manager for the USIBWC's Nogales Field Office. Board members will serve as volunteers for a two-year term.

USIBWC Public Affairs Officer Lori Kuczanski will provide an overview of the history of the International Boundary and Water Commission, from its early days surveying and marking the U.S.- Mexico border, to its growing role in water management, based on the Convention of 1906 and the 1944 Water Treaty. She will also discuss the Commission's current responsibilities all along the border, including maintaining the boundary monuments, operating international storage dams and hydroelectric power plants, providing flood control, and operating international wastewater treatment plants.

John Light of the USIBWC will present an overview of Commission activities in the Southeast Arizona region, including boundary demarcation and maintenance of boundary monuments, wastewater treatment, and other water management responsibilities.

A complete agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may call 520-281-1832 extension 103 or e-mail [lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov](mailto:lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov).

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**Thursday, March 15, 2018**  
**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Pima County Water and Energy Sustainability Center**  
**Radon Conference Room**  
**2955 W. Calle Agua Nueva**  
**Tucson, AZ. 85745**

**Agenda**

- **Welcome and Introductions** – John Light, Nogales Area Operations Manager, and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Overview of the History, Mission, and Projects of the International Boundary and Water Commission** – Lori Kuczanski, Public Affairs Officer, USIBWC
- **Overview of Commission Activities in Southeast Arizona** – John Light, Nogales Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- **Public Comment**
- **Break**
- **Orientation for New Citizens Forum Board Members** – Lori Kuczanski, Public Affairs Officer, USIBWC
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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