



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC SELECTS 13 CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE 2-YEAR TERM

Commissioner Jayne Harkins of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has appointed 13 individuals to serve on the Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum Board (SEAZCF). The Board members serve as volunteers for a two-year term. 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 19, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Tubac Community Center, 50 Bridge Road, Tubac.**

The new board members are:

- **Alejandro Barcenas:** Public Works Director, City of Nogales
- **Bruce Bracker:** Supervisor, Santa Cruz County
- **Kathleen “Kathi” Campana:** Santa Cruz Board of Realtors
- **John Combo:** Tubac resident
- **Timothy (Tim) Grotheer:** retired wastewater utility manager
- **Mignonne Hollis:** Arizona Association of Economic Development
- **Ben Lomeli:** Friends of the Santa Cruz River
- **Harlan G. Lusk:** National Park Service (Retired), Sahuarita Town Council
- **Edna Mendoza:** Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality
- **Jaime Rivera:** Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

- **David M. Smith:** Mayor, City of Bisbee
- **Yolanda Soto:** Borderlands Produce Rescue
- **Mark F. Taylor:** Westland Resources, Inc.

John Light, Area Operations Manager for the USIBWC's Nogales Field Office will serve as the USIBWC'S representative on the board. USIBWC Commissioner Jayne Harkins will also participate in the Board's first meeting.

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, Nogales Field Office Area Operations Manager, 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.

The USIBWC will welcome the 13 newly appointed Citizens Forum Board members who will be provided an orientation regarding the board's role over the next two-year term.

A complete meeting agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact the Nogales Field Office at 520-281-1832 extension 103 or lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM

Thursday, March 19, 2020

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tubac Community Center

50 Bridge Road

Tubac, AZ 85646

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**—Jayne Harkins, Commissioner, USIBWC, and John Light, Nogales Field Office Area Operations Manager, USIBWC and Citizens Forum Board 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 Southwest Arizona**—John Light, Nogales Field Office Area Operations Manager, USIBWC and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Public Comment**
*Limited to 3-minutes per person
- **Orientation for New Citizens Forum Board Members**—Lori Kuczanski, Public Affairs Officer, USIBWC
- **Board Discussion/Suggested Future Agenda Items**

*Directions: From Tucson, take I-19 South, take exit #40 toward Chavez Siding Road, turn left onto Chavez Siding Road, turn right onto I-19 Frontage Road, turn left onto Bridge Road, destination is on the right.

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