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APRIL 12 PUBLIC MEETING IN BISBEE TO DISCUSS BORDER PATROL'S TACTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, BOUNDARY DEMARCATION, SAN PEDRO RIVER WATER QUALITY

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum for Thursday, April 12, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Cochise County Complex, Building G, 1415 W. Melody Lane in Bisbee, Arizona. The purpose of the forum is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community regarding Commission projects and related activities in Pima, Cochise, and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona.

Personnel from the U.S. Border Patrol's Tucson Sector will discuss the Tactical Infrastructure Program in Southeast Arizona. Tactical infrastructure includes components such as roads, fencing, lights, electrical components, and drainage structures to help the Border Patrol achieve its primary homeland security mission. The most visible construction projects have been the pedestrian and vehicle fence projects.

Richard Searle, Cochise County Supervisor, will give an update on the San Pedro Targeted Watershed *E Coli* project, which has studied bacteria in the San Pedro River.
John Light, USIBWC Area Operations Manager, will give a presentation about plans to rehabilitate the monuments that demarcate the international boundary. The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is responsible for determining the location of the international boundary and erecting and maintaining the 276 monuments that demarcate the land boundary. The monuments, many of which date to the 19th century, are iron or masonry obelisks, most about six feet tall. In accordance with international agreements, the U.S. and Mexican Sections of the Commission are each charged with maintaining half of the monuments to assure their proper location, permanence, and visibility. The United States Section is responsible for maintaining most of the monuments in Arizona, many of which are located in remote areas.

A complete agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may call 520-281-1832 or e-mail sally.spener@ibwc.gov.

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SOUTHEAST ARIZONA CITIZENS FORUM  
Thursday, April 12, 2012  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
Cochise County Complex, Building G  
1415 W. Melody Lane  
Bisbee, AZ

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – John Light, USIBWC, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- U.S. Border Patrol Tactical Infrastructure Program - U.S. Border Patrol, Tucson Sector
- Update on the San Pedro Targeted Watershed E. Coli Project – Richard Searle, Cochise County Supervisor
- Rehabilitation of International Boundary Monuments – John Light, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

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