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ACCOUNTING FOR THE USE OF COLORADO RIVER WATER AND SALTON SEA MANAGEMENT TO BE DISCUSSED AT APRIL 24 PUBLIC MEETING IN EL CENTRO, CA

Colorado River water accounting and the Salton Sea Management Program update will be the focus of an upcoming public meeting of the Colorado River Citizens Forum of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC). The meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 24, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Imperial Irrigation District Board Room, 1285 Broadway, El Centro, CA.** The Colorado River Citizens Forum was established to facilitate the exchange of information with the public about Commission activities and related matters.

Paul Matuska, Manager, Water Accounting and Verification Group, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, will give a presentation on Colorado River water accounting. In accordance with the Supreme Court decree in *Arizona vs. California*, the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation is required to account for all diversions, return flows and consumptive uses of water from the Colorado River within the Lower Basin. The annual water accounting report has been published since 1964. Mr. Matuska will discuss how the accounting function is performed, the data used, universal accounting principles, the body of laws and agreements directing this work, and changes over time. Mr. Matuska will discuss in more detail the water accounting for water use in the Yuma area, one of the more complex areas for accounting.

Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary, Salton Sea Policy, at the California Natural Resources Agency, will provide an update on the Salton Sea Management Program. The goal of Phase 1 of the 10-Year Plan of the Salton Sea Management Program is to construct dust-suppression and habitat projects to cover nearly 30,000 acres of exposed playa to help protect public health and ecological resources in the region. Assistant Secretary Wilcox will discuss current conditions at the sea and efforts underway to implement the 10-Year Plan projects.

A complete meeting agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact 928-782-1598 or the Public Affairs Office at

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COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM
Wednesday, April 24, 2019
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. PDT/MST
Imperial Irrigation District Board Room
1285 Broadway
El Centro, California

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Anna Morales, Yuma Area Operations Manager, USIBWC, and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Accounting for the Use of Colorado River Water—Paul Matuska**, Manager, Water Accounting and Verification Group, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- **Salton Sea Management Program Update** – Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary, Salton Sea Policy, California Natural Resources Agency
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

***Directions:** From Yuma, I-8 west to Imperial Ave. exit (exit # 114) north past 5 stoplights to Broadway, turn right, park at lot at end of the block. They are located east of the Bank of America.

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