



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is seeking applicants from community members interested in participating in the Colorado River Citizens Forum (CRCF). The CRCF was established 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 USIBWC is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico. Our 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, sanitation, and environmental restoration, among other responsibilities.

The CRCF is intended to bring together community members, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the USIBWC and the general public, environmentalists, government agencies, irrigation districts, municipalities, and other interested parties. Duties and responsibilities will include reviewing and commenting on technical documents and activities associated with USIBWC projects in the area.

All CRCF board members recently completed their term so the USIBWC has opened the application process to the general public to select a new board. Incumbent board

members who wish to continue their service may apply for re-appointment. The board conducts regular public meetings, approximately four times per year, to discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects. Meeting sites alternate between Yuma and Imperial Counties. Board members are expected to serve a 2-year term and to attend all meetings. Participation in the Citizens Forum is strictly voluntary and members will not be financially compensated.

Applications are available at:

https://www.ibwc.gov/Files/CF_CR_Application_061818.pdf Application forms may be requested from Public Affairs Officer Lori Kuczanski 915-832-4106, or lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov. **Applications should be submitted by June 18, 2018.** Board members to the Citizens Forum will be selected by the USIBWC in consideration of the agency's interest in encouraging participation by diverse interests and individuals and organizations most likely to be directly affected by USIBWC activities. Additional information about the USIBWC is available at: www.ibwc.gov.

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