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PUBLIC MEETING IN EL CENTRO TO DISCUSS QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND COLORADO RIVER DELTA RESTORATION PROJECT

The Quantification Settlement Agreement and Colorado River delta restoration will be discussed at the June 13 public meeting of the Colorado River Citizens Forum. The Forum was established by the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) to facilitate the exchange of information with the public about Commission activities and related matters in the region. The meeting is scheduled for 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (PDT/MST) at the Imperial Irrigation District Board Room, 1285 Broadway Boulevard in El Centro, California.

Imperial Irrigation District General Manager Kevin Kelley will give an update on the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA), allowing water conserved in the Imperial Valley to be transferred for use by urban communities on the Southern California Coast. The QSA allows urban areas to fund water conservation efforts in the Imperial Valley in exchange for the use of conserved water.

Francisco Zamora, Director of the Colorado River Delta Program with the Sonoran Institute, will discuss riparian habitat restoration in the Colorado River. This project is designed to restore riparian habitat as environmental mitigation for sediment removal undertaken by the International Boundary and Water Commission near Morelos Dam. The project includes the restoration of a total of 40 acres (16.2 hectares) at the Laguna Grande site in the Colorado River floodplain in Baja California, Mexico.

To accomplish this, the project is following the guidelines established by the International Boundary and Water Commission. The three-year project is at the end of its second year. All 40 acres have been planted and the presentation we will report on project results to date.

A complete meeting agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact 928-782-1598 or e-mail [Sandra Camacho](#).

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COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS FORUM
Wednesday, June 13
4:00 - 6:00 P.M. (PDT/MST)
Imperial Irrigation District Board Room*
1285 Broadway Blvd.
El Centro, California

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions – Elston Grubaugh, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- Update on the Quantification Settlement Agreement- Kevin Kelley, General Manager, Imperial Irrigation District
- Riparian Habitat Restoration in the Colorado River - Francisco Zamora, Director, Colorado River Delta Program, Sonoran Institute
- Public Comment
- Suggested Future Agenda Items
- Board Discussion

Directions: From Yuma, I-8 west to Imperial Ave. exit, 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.

If you have a disability that you wish to self-identify confidentially that requires accommodation, please advise us ahead of time. For more information, call 928-782-1598 or e-mail [Sandra Camacho](#).