



## **International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section**

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### **JUNE 20 PUBLIC MEETING IN RIO RICO TO DISCUSS BORDER SANITATION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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, June 20, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., in the Mariposa Room of the Esplendor Resort, 1069 Camino Caralampi, in Rio Rico, 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.

Gabriel Duran, USIBWC Engineer Planner, will give a presentation about the International Outfall Interceptor (IOI), the pipe that conveys sewage from the international boundary to the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant in Rio Rico. A section of the IOI located inside the Nogales Wash has been exposed due to erosion, making the IOI susceptible to damage. To protect the IOI where it is exposed, the USIBWC, in coordination with the City of Nogales, Arizona, is taking action to encase the IOI with reinforced concrete and to protect the Nogales Wash from erosion.

USIBWC Area Operations Manager John Light will discuss the protocol the USIBWC follows in the event of an infrastructure-related stormwater or sanitation emergency occurring in

either the United States or Mexico. He will discuss how the USIBWC coordinates with local officials in Arizona and with Mexican authorities. He will explain the USIBWC's capabilities to respond to any emergencies and will discuss improvements regarding information sources for emergency responders.

A complete meeting agenda follows.

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**SOUTHEAST ARIZONA CITIZENS FORUM**  
**Thursday, June 20, 2013**  
**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Esplendor Resort, Mariposa Room**  
**1069 Camino Caralampi**  
**Rio Rico, AZ**

**Agenda**

- Call to Order – Ben Lomeli, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- Status of the International Outfall Interceptor Sewer Pipe in Nogales, Arizona – Gabriel Duran, Engineer Planner, USIBWC
- Overview of USIBWC Activities and Emergency Response Coordination in Southeast Arizona – John Light, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

**\*Directions:** From I-19, take Exit #17 Rio Rico Drive/Yavapai Drive. Go west on Rio Rico/Yavapai. Make a left turn onto Camino Caralampi. Esplendor Resort is up the hill on the right.

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