



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC SELECTS 12 CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE 2-YEAR TERM; PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR JULY 25 IN YUMA

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has appointed 12 board members to serve on the Colorado River Citizens Forum (CRCF) Board. The first public meeting with the new board will take place **Wednesday, July 25, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Yuma County Development Services, 2351 West 26th Street, Yuma, Arizona.** The Colorado River Citizens Forum was established to facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community about Commission projects and related activities in Yuma County, Arizona and Imperial County, California.

The new board members are:

- **Jim Buster: Southwest Resource Strategies**
- **Tom Davis: Yuma County Water Users Assoc.**
- **Matt Dessert: Imperial County Air Pollution Control District**
- **Bruce Kuhn: Imperial Irrigation District**
- **P. Brian McNece: Imperial County Historical Society**
- **Juan Leal Rubio: Yuma County**
- **Phil Rosentrater: Salton Sea Authority**
- **Frank Ruiz: Audubon Society**

- **Meghan Scott: Yuma County Agriculture Water Coalition**
- **Jay Simonton: City of Yuma, Director of Utilities**
- **Roberta (Bobbi) Stevenson-McDermott: Yuma Natural Resource Conservation District**
- **Mark William White (Willie White): Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe**

The board will also include Anna Morales, Area Operations Manager for the USIBWC's Yuma Field Office. Board members will serve as volunteers for a two-year term.

USIBWC Public Affairs Officer Lori Kuczanski will provide an overview of the history of the International Boundary and Water Commission, from its early days surveying and marking the U.S.- Mexico border, to its growing role in water management, based on the Convention of 1906 and the 1944 Water Treaty. She will also discuss the Commission's current responsibilities all along the border, including maintaining the boundary monuments, operating international storage dams and hydroelectric power plants, providing flood control, and operating international wastewater treatment plants.

Anna Morales of the USIBWC will present an overview of Commission activities in the Yuma, AZ region, including delivering Colorado River water to Mexico in accordance with international agreements, and addressing water quality concerns.

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, July 25, 2018

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. PDT/MST

Yuma County Development Services

2351 West 26th Street

Yuma, Arizona 85364

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Anna Morales, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC, and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Overview of the History, Mission, and Projects of the International Boundary and Water Commission** – Lori Kuczanski, Public Affairs Officer, USIBWC
- **Overview of Commission Activities in the Colorado River Area** – Anna Morales, Yuma Field Office Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- **Public Comment**
- **Break**
- **Orientation for New Citizens Forum Board Members** – Lori Kuczanski, Public Affairs Officer, USIBWC
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

***Directions:** From I-8, exit 2 US-95/16th Street. Go west on 16th Street for approximately 2 1/2 miles. Turn left on Avenue B to 26th Street. Turn left on 26th Street. Building is on your right (south side of Walmart).

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