



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States and Mexico

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### **COMMISSION CONVENES BINATIONAL BORDER WATER RESOURCES SUMMIT IN EL PASO-CIUDAD JUAREZ**

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, along with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), El Paso Water Utilities, the Southwest Consortium for Environmental Research & Policy, the North American Development Bank, the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez (UACJ), and the Municipal Water and Sanitation Board of Ciudad Juarez (JMAS), is convening experts from both countries to participate in the Binational Border Water Resources Summit on September 27 and 28, 2012 in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua and El Paso, Texas, one day each at the UACJ and UTEP.

The purpose of the Summit is to bring together experts from the United States and Mexico to share information and enhance U.S.-Mexico cooperation on border water issues. The theme of this year's Summit is *Border Water Resources: Past, Present, and Future*.

The Summit will feature participation from panelists from the three levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, and academic and research institutions who will address the issues in four different work groups: Water Supply, Innovation and Water Technology, Water Quality and the Environment, and Watershed Planning.

The Summit will also provide continuity and follow-through on the efforts undertaken by the Commission in the successful 2005 Summit focused on the Rio Grande and the 2011 Summit focused on Sanitation and Water Quality along the entire U.S.-Mexico border. Approximately 200 experts from both countries are expected to participate in the invitation-only event.

U.S. Commissioner Edward Drusina said, "This Summit offers an opportunity for leading water managers from the region to come together to discuss challenges, successes, and opportunities for future

cooperation between the United States and Mexico. I see this Summit as an opportunity to promote dialogue to help frame solutions."

Mexican Commissioner Roberto Salmon emphasized the importance of this Summit and said he expects to obtain proposals that will allow water challenges in the border region to be addressed, considering, on the one hand, less water availability and, on the other, increased demand due to future growth.

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