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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 applications from community members interested in participating in the Colorado River Citizens Forum (CRCF). The USIBWC established the CRCF in 2003 to facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and members of the public about Commission projects and related activities in Imperial County, California and Yuma County, Arizona.

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 Commission projects and related activities in the area.

All CRCF board members recently completed their terms so the USIBWC has opened the application process to the general public to select a new board. The deadline to apply is November 6, 2020.

The board conducts regular public meetings, approximately three times per year, to discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects. Meeting sites alternate between Yuma and Imperial Counties and meetings will be via webinar until further notice. Board members serve as volunteers for a two-year term and are expected to attend all meetings.

The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling any differences that may arise. Commission 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 monitoring, flood control, and sanitation, among other responsibilities.

Application forms are available here. The deadline to apply is November 6, 2020.

Members of the public may also request an application from Public Affairs Officer Lori Kuczmanski, 915-494-6027, lori.kuczmanski@ibwc.gov.

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