



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **PROJECTS TO MITIGATE TRANSBOUNDARY FLOWS AND THE TRANSBOUNDARY AQUIFER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM ON AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING DECEMBER 6 IN TUCSON**

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, December 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Dept. Water Campus, 2955 W. Calle Agua Nueva in Tucson, 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.

Jacob Peterson-Perlman, Ph.D., Research Analyst, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center, and Elia Tapia Villasenor, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center, will discuss the Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Program. The Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Program (TAAP) is a joint effort between Mexico and the United States to assess shared groundwater aquifers. Scientists from each country have collaborated on binational studies on aquifers in the U.S.-Mexico border region under this program. This presentation will focus on how cooperation over binational aquifers shared between the United States and Mexico has evolved. The activities of the Arizona/Sonora section of the TAAP will be discussed, including the completion of the *Binational Study of the*

*Transboundary San Pedro Aquifer*. The presentation will also discuss current and future efforts of the University of Arizona TAAP program.

The Board will also hear from Roberto Molina, Program Manager West Region, Grants and Project Development and Implementation, North American Development Bank (NADB). NADB works to strengthen cooperation among interested parties and to facilitate the financing, construction, operation and maintenance of environmental infrastructure projects in the border region and assist community adjustment and investment. This presentation will focus on the joint efforts to help mitigate transboundary flows in Naco, Sonora and to provide a better understanding of the nature of the issues and the needs of these border communities.

A complete agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may call 520-281-1832 extension 103 or e-mail [lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov](mailto:lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov).

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**USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM**  
**Thursday, December 6, 2018**  
**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Regional Wastewater Reclamation Dept. Water Campus**  
**2955 W. Calle Agua Nueva\***  
**Tucson, Arizona 85745**

**Agenda**

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Rosanna Gabaldon, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Past Efforts and Future Directions of the Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Program**– Jacob Petersen-Perlman, Ph.D., Research Analyst, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center, and Elia Tapia Villasenor, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center
- **Catalyzing Projects to Assist the Community of Naco, Sonora to Mitigate Transboundary Flows to Arizona** – Roberto Molina, Program Manager, West Region, Grants Project Development and Implementation, North American Development Bank
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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