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CURED IN PLACE PIPE REPAIRS AND AQUATIC HABITAT IN THE SANTA CRUZ RIVER ON AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING DECEMBER 12 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 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department 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.

Jaime Rivera, Deputy Director for Conveyance, Pima County, will discuss Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) and Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) and their applications in the Pima County Conveyance System operation. The Pima County Conveyance System operates under an Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) permit. Under this permit, Pima County is required to perform a complete inspection of 3,500 miles of sanitary sewer lines within the public system. Pipe defects identified during CCTV program inspections are prioritized and scheduled for repair, with a big emphasis placed on the CIPP technology over open cut repairs due to the low impact on the population and repair cost overall, especially with paved Right of Way repairs.

The Board will also hear from Michael T. Bogan, Assistant Professor, University of Arizona, about the rapid return of dragonflies and other aquatic species to the Santa Cruz River in downtown Tucson. Historically, the Santa Cruz River had year-round flow downtown. However, diversions and groundwater pumping dried up the river in the early 20th century. Since that time, the river only flowed during periods of heavy precipitation. In June 2019, Tucson Water restored perennial flow to the river via the discharge of treated effluent. Dr. Bogan and his collaborators are documenting the surprisingly quick return of many aquatic species to the river after a 100+ year absence.

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.

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USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM
Thursday, December 12, 2019
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Dept. Water Campus
2955 W. Calle Agua Nueva*
Tucson, Arizona 85745

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Ben Lomeli, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) and Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) Applications in Pima County** – Jaime Rivera, Deputy Director for Conveyance, Pima County
- **Rebirth of the Santa Cruz River: Rapid Return of Aquatic Species to the River Downtown** – Michael T. Bogan, Assistant Professor, University of Arizona
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

*Directions: From I-10 West, take the exit toward El Camino Del Cerro/ Ruthrauff Road. Merge onto North Freeway. Turn left onto W. El Camino Del Cerro/Ruthrauff Road. Use the middle lane to turn left onto N. Business Center Drive/I-10 Frontage Rd. Turn right onto Calle Agua Nueva. Destination on the right.

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