



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC Lower Rio Grande Citizens Forum Public Meeting in Mercedes on December 5

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) Lower Rio Grande Citizens Forum board is pleased to announce that it will host an in-person and virtual public meeting on Tuesday, **December 5, from 3– 5 p.m. CST.**

USIBWC Commissioner Dr. Maria-Elena Giner, P.E., will give an update on the status of the Minute negotiations to bring reliability and predictability to water deliveries in the Rio Grande Basin.

Isela Canava, Principal Engineer, USIBWC Operations Department, will provide an overview of the infrastructure the agency owns and operates and its activities along the Rio Grande, from the El Paso area to the Brownsville area. The presentation will highlight international and diversion dams, water accounting activities, and how the USIBWC is advancing through science.

The Rio Grande Hydrology Work Group is developing a binational model to simulate allocation procedures and water distribution in the United States and Mexico. Delbert Humberson will lay out the model that will be used to analyze the effects of proposed water management scenarios in comparison to practices that are currently in effect.

The meeting will be held in person at:

**USIBWC Mercedes Field Office
325 Golf Course Road
Mercedes, TX 78570**

The public meeting will also be held virtually. [Click here to join the meeting](#). If possible, it may be helpful for you to test connectivity on your own prior to the meeting by clicking on the “Join” link and ensuring your camera and microphone are functioning. Or join by phone: Call-in number +1 (872) 240-1286 | Conference ID: 287846474#

For those connecting via phone, the presentations will be available before the start of the meeting. Go to the Lower Rio Grande Citizens Forum page <https://bit.ly/3MVCpyV> and look for the links for the 12/05/2023 meeting, or use the QR Code below.

If you would like to speak during the public comment period, please sign up ahead of time by contacting Leslie Grijalva at leslie.grijalva@ibwc.gov or 915-832-4770 by noon on December 4, 2023.

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Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 3–5 p.m. CST
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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Leslie Grijalva, Public Affairs Specialist, USIBWC
- **Stakeholder Update on Minute Negotiations to Bring Reliability and Predictability to Rio Grande Deliveries** - Dr. Maria-Elena Giner, P.E., Commissioner, USIBWC
- **Overview of Operations and Maintenance Activities along the Rio Grande** - Isela Canava, Principal Engineer, Operations Department, USIBWC
- **Using RiverWare to Explore Binational Basin Management Scenarios** - Delbert Humberson, Hydrologist, USIBWC
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion and Formal Vote on a Co-Chair**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

If you have a disability that you wish to self-identify confidentially that requires accommodation, please advise us ahead of time. For more information call 915-832-4770 or email leslie.grijalva@ibwc.gov.

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