



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC to present research on Rio Grande hydrology at August 6 Lower Rio Grande Citizens Forum Public Meeting

Dr. Maria-Elena Giner, P.E., Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), and USIBWC Hydrologist Delbert Humberson will discuss research the agency has done on Rio Grande hydrology at the Lower Rio Grande Citizens Forum in-person and virtual public meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. CDT.

The USIBWC has begun sharing this information with congressional representatives and other stakeholders to encourage a regional discussion on building resiliency in the region with less dependence on Mexico's water.

“I believe it is important that local stakeholders understand the impact drought has on the reduction of inflows from U.S. rivers and unmeasured tributaries,” Commissioner Giner said. “This is water that is no longer reaching the river and is not part of Mexico's treaty deliveries.”

Joseph Tritz, Maintenance Supervisor for the USIBWC Mercedes Field Office, will give an update on field office activities. He will cover the role and responsibilities of the field office's maintenance and operations department.

The public 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 Phone conference ID: 689 870 253#

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 4/2/2024 meeting.

If you would like to speak during the public comment period, please sign up ahead of time by contacting Frank Fisher at frank.fisher@ibwc.gov or 915-494-6027 by noon on August 2, 2024.

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And Via Teams

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Co-chairs
- **Hydrology of the Rio Grande, Water Deliveries, and the Minute Status** – Dr. Maria-Elena Giner, P.E., USIBWC Commissioner, Hydrologist Delbert Humberson
- **Mercedes Field Office Activities** – Joseph Tritz, Field Office Maintenance Supervisor
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion**
- **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 Frank Fisher at frank.fisher@ibwc.gov or 915-494-6027.

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