



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **USIBWC Lower Rio Grande Citizens Forum Public Meeting in Mercedes, Texas, on August 14**

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) Lower Rio Grande Citizens Forum board will host an in-person and virtual public meeting on:

**Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 3-5 p.m. CDT**

- **Frank Lazo, USIBWC Dam Operator Supervisor**, will provide updates on operations and maintenance at Anzalduas and Retamal dams, including future projects.
- **Dr. Apurba Borah USIBWC Lead Hydraulic Engineer**, will discuss progress on the Arroyo Colorado Dredging Design Project in Hidalgo and Cameron counties, Texas.

**The public meeting will be held in person at:**

USIBWC Mercedes Field Office  
325 Golf Course Rd.  
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: +1 915-320-4718,,140903526# Phone conference ID: 140 903 526#

For those connecting via phone, the presentations will be available before the start of the meeting. Go to the USIBWC Citizens Forum page at <https://www.ibwc.gov/citizens-forums-past-meetings/> and look for the Lower Rio Grande Citizen Forum meeting.

If you would like to speak during the public comment period, please sign up by contacting Frankie Pinon at [frankie.pinon@ibwc.gov](mailto:frankie.pinon@ibwc.gov) or 915-832-4716 by noon on August 11, 2025.

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The USIBWC is dedicated to protecting Americans from exposure to Mexican sewage, maintaining and operating critical infrastructure, and ensuring the U.S. gets its fair share of water. We are committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners and our Mexican colleagues to spearhead these issues.

## **LOWER RIO GRANDE CITIZENS FORUM**

Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 3-5 p.m. CDT

### **USIBWC Mercedes Field Office**

325 Golf Course Rd.  
Mercedes, TX 78570  
And Via Teams

### **Agenda**

- **Welcome and Introductions** – USIBWC Citizens Forum Board

**Frank Lazo, USIBWC Dam Operator Supervisor:** Updates on operations and maintenance at Anzalduas and Retamal dams, including future projects.

- **Dr. Apurba Borah USIBWC Supervisory Civil Engineer:** Progress on the Arroyo Colorado Dredging Design Project in Hidalgo and Cameron counties, Texas.
- **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 915-832-4716 or email [frankie.pinon@ibwc.gov](mailto:frankie.pinon@ibwc.gov)

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### **Microsoft Teams meeting**

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device:** [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 259 649 519 324 6  
Passcode: 576RW37z

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### **Or call in (audio only)**

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