



INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION

COMISIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE LÍMITES Y AGUAS

CITIZENS FORUM BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION



CITIZENS FORUM PURPOSE

- ◆ The purpose of the Rio Grande Citizens Forum is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the general public about Commission projects and related activities in the great El Paso-Las Cruces region, along the Rio Grande from Percha Dam, NM to Ft. Quitman, TX.



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**Colorado River Citizens Forum
meeting in Yuma, Arizona**

- ◆ The Citizens Forum is not a federal advisory committee.
- ◆ USIBWC encourages participation by a diversity of interests and values a variety of perspectives.



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**Rio Grande Citizens Forum Meeting
2011**

- ◆ The Citizens Forum is intended to bring together community members, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the USIBWC and the general public, water managers, irrigation districts, neighborhoods, governmental agencies, environmentalists, recreational interests, etc.



CITIZENS FORUM HISTORY

- ◆ Rio Grande Citizens Forum established in 1999 and later expanded to other areas
- ◆ 5 Citizens Forum boards
 - ▶ Rio Grande (El Paso, TX-Las Cruces, NM)
 - ▶ San Diego, CA
 - ▶ Colorado River(Imperial Co., CA and Yuma Co., AZ)
 - ▶ Southeast Arizona
 - ▶ Lower Rio Grande (TX)



Lower Rio Grande 2005-2007 board



BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

- ◆ Board term is 2 years
- ◆ Attend public meetings four times/year
- ◆ Meetings held in greater El Paso-Las Cruces region
- ◆ Board members are expected to be available to share information with USIBWC and the community



**Southeast Arizona CF Board
2011-2012**



BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

- ◆ Review and comment on documents and activities
- ◆ Present information on related activities
- ◆ Discuss plans and issues related to IBWC activities and projects
- ◆ Board serves as volunteers with no expense reimbursement



CITIZENS FORUM INFORMATION



**American Dam and Asarco
smokestack in 2010**

- ◆ Past agenda items have included:
 - ▶ Rio Grande levee construction
 - ▶ Rio Grande water quality
 - ▶ Rio Grande water supply
 - ▶ Urban stormwater infrastructure projects
 - ▶ Channel maintenance
 - ▶ Asarco-related cleanup of USIBWC lands



CITIZENS FORUM INFORMATION

- ◆ All meetings are open to the public
- ◆ Regular communication with the board via e-mail
- ◆ Meeting notices, presentations, notes available online at:

www.ibwc.gov/Citizens_Forums/CF_URG.html



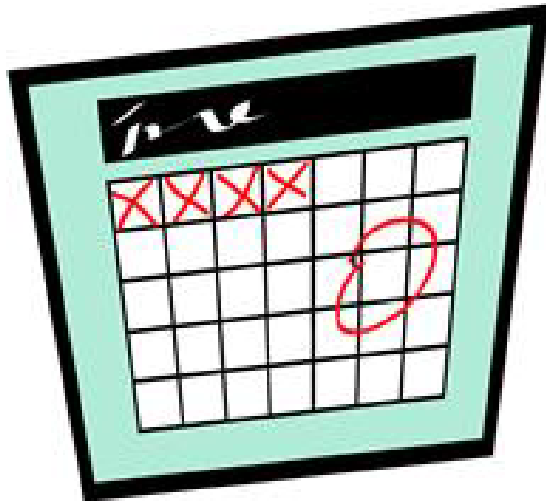
CITIZENS FORUM LEADERSHIP



- ◆ Two Co-Chairs
- ◆ Community Co-Chair
 - ▶ Selected by the board
- ◆ USIBWC Co-Chair
 - ▶ Principal Engineer Carlos Peña



CITIZENS FORUM DISCUSSION ITEMS



- ◆ Selection of a co-chair
- ◆ Meeting Logistics
 - ▶ Locations
 - ▶ Days of the week
 - ▶ Times
- ◆ Field trips and tours





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