



## **International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section**

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### **U.S.-MEXICO WATER SHARING, SUSTAINABLE WATER USE TO BE DISCUSSED AT JUNE 14 PUBLIC MEETING**

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, June 14, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Cochise County Complex, Building G, 1415 W. Melody Lane in Bisbee, 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.

Dr. James Callegary, Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey, will talk about cooperative water-sharing between the U.S. and Mexico. Dr. Callegary has been a key member of the Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Program, (TAAP) a binational effort to assess aquifers that straddle the U.S.-Mexico border. He will discuss lessons learned, including the importance of “laying the groundwork” through binational stakeholder meetings and an understanding of the physical, institutional, and socio-political context.

Dr. Callegary will also discuss Minute 323, an addendum to the 1944 Water Treaty between the U.S. and Mexico signed in 2017. Minute 323 includes efforts to restore and monitor habitats in the Colorado River Delta through 2026, by committing the U.S. and Mexico to provide water and funding. The Raise the River coalition of non-profit organizations will match the contributions of the two governments.

Catlow Shipek, Policy and Technical Director, Watershed Management Group, (WMG),

will describe a new sustainable water vision that meets both community and environmental needs. Case studies to be discussed include WMG's Living Lab and Learning Center in the heart of Tucson, which operates entirely on rainfall for a half-acre campus; sites in Nogales, Sonora that demonstrate how to green sites while mitigating downstream sediment and flooding; and the Sierra Vista subwatershed of the Upper San Pedro River, where stormwater planning serves to assess the potential for overcoming a groundwater deficit.

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](mailto:lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov).

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**USIBWC CITIZENS FORUM**  
**Thursday, June 14, 2018**  
**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Cochise County Complex, Building G**  
**Board of Supervisors Hearing Room**  
**1415 Melody Lane\***  
**Bisbee, Arizona 85603**

**Agenda**

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Rosanna Gabaldon, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Opportunities for Stormwater to Restore Community and Riparian Health** –Catlow Shipek, Policy and Technical Director, Watershed Management Group
- **Binational Water Cooperation Between the U.S. and Mexico: Lessons Learned and Future Directions** –James Callegary, Ph.D, Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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