



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **CONVENTION OF 1906, 2021 RIO GRANDE WATER ALLOCATIONS, AND LEVEE REHABILITATION WORK ON AGENDA FOR JUNE 24 WEBINAR**

The Rio Grande Citizens Forum (RGCF) of the U.S. Section of the [International Boundary and Water Commission](#) (USIBWC) will discuss the history of the Convention of 1906, 2021 Rio Grande water allocations, and an update on the completion of the levee rehabilitation project in the Upper Valley of El Paso, and future levee work. The meeting will take place on **Thursday, June 24, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. MDT via webinar**. The Rio Grande Citizens Forum was established to facilitate the exchange of information with the public about Commission activities and related matters.

Delbert Humberson, Hydrologist, USIBWC, will provide an overview of the [Convention of 1906, Equitable Distribution of the Waters of the Rio Grande](#), signed May 21, 1906, between the United States and Mexico. The treaty provides for the annual delivery of Rio Grande water to Mexico at Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua.

Jerry Melendez, Civil Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation, will provide an overview of the 2021 irrigation season for the Rio Grande Project. Melendez will discuss the snowpack conditions in the headwaters of the Rio Grande in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico, which results in snowmelt runoff into Elephant Butte Reservoir, the corresponding water supply conditions for the Project, and the climate outlook. Melendez will also discuss the water

allocations to the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, El Paso County Water Improvement District #1, and the Republic of Mexico. Due to the drought, water deliveries are being significantly reduced this year.

Andrea Glover, Civil Engineer, USIBWC, will discuss the rehabilitation work performed along the 2.8-mile segment of the west flood control levee on the west side of the Rio Grande from Country Club Road to Borderland Road in El Paso, Texas. The \$6.3 million project is slated to be completed on time by the contract date of June 30. Glover's presentation will also include an update on future work on the east levee, downstream from Borderland Road, a 9-mile levee segment. The design work is nearing completion and an update on the remaining planned work will be outlined.

A complete meeting agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact 915-494-6027 or the Public Affairs Office at [lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov](mailto:lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov).

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## RIO GRANDE CITIZENS FORUM

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### Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Rosie Montes, Area Operations Manager, Upper Rio Grande Field Office, USIBWC, and Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **Overview of the Convention of 1906 Treaty** — Delbert Humberson, Hydrologist, USIBWC
- **2021 Water Operations for the Rio Grande Project** — Jerry Melendez, Civil Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation
- **Update on the Levee Rehabilitation in the Upper Valley of El Paso** — Andrea Glover, Civil Engineer, USIBWC
- **Public Comment** (To make public comment, RSVP by noon on June 24 to [lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov](mailto:lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov) or 915-494-6027.)
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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