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NOGALES STORMWATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT OCTOBER 13 WEBINAR

A “green” stormwater infrastructure strategy for Nogales and rehabilitation of a Nogales wastewater pipeline known as the International Outfall Interceptor (IOI) will be discussed at the next public meeting of the Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) on **October 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m. MST via webinar**. The purpose of the Citizens Forum is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community about Commission projects and related activities in Santa Cruz, Cochise, and Pima Counties.

Francisco Lara-Valencia, Associate Professor, School of Transborder Studies, Arizona State University, will give a presentation on the Ambos Nogales Green Infrastructure Strategy (ANGIS). ANGIS is a multifunctional approach to improving stormwater management through the integration of green infrastructure (such as swales and rain gardens) with existing gray infrastructure to build targeted, smaller-scale interventions mitigating flooding risk, protecting water quality, and creating green space opportunities benefiting Nogales, Sonora and Nogales, Arizona. The strategy was developed with the support of the Border 2020 Program and the North American Development Bank. It involved applying land suitability analysis and hydrological modeling to optimize the placement and design of the components of a cross-border watershed-scale green infrastructure network in Ambos Nogales.

Ariana Leos, USIBWC Civil Engineer, will give an update on the project to rehabilitate the Nogales International Outfall Interceptor (IOI) sewer pipeline, discussing construction underway on Phases 1-3 and the award of the contract for Phases 4 and 5. She will talk about the \$13.8 million contract to rehabilitate the IOI sewage pipeline in Santa Cruz County, discussing the Cured in Place Piping and manhole rehabilitation that have been completed to

date. She will also provide an update on the contract award of the remaining two phases of the IOI rehabilitation.

In addition, USIBWC staff will present on transboundary sewage conditions in Nogales, focusing on concerns in the area of Oso Wash and downtown.

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For those connecting via phone, the presentations will be available before the start of the meeting at <https://bit.ly/3rbagsg>. Look for the links for the 10/13/2022 meeting. If you would like to speak during public comment, please sign up ahead of time by contacting Sally Spener at sally.spener@ibwc.gov, 915-503-5542 by noon on October 12.

Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may call 520-281-1832 ext. 103 or the Public Affairs Office at sally.spener@ibwc.gov.

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SOUTHEAST ARIZONA CITIZENS FORUM
Thursday, October 13, 2022
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. MST

AGENDA

- **Welcome and Introductions** — Ben Lomeli, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **The Ambos Nogales Green Infrastructure Strategy (ANGIS): Cross-border solutions to a binational water problem** — Francisco Lara-Valencia, Associate Professor, School of Transborder Studies, Arizona State University
- **Project to Rehabilitate the Nogales International Sewer Pipeline (IOI) Phases 1-3 Update and Phases 4&5 Contract Award** — Ariana Leos, Civil Engineer, USIBWC.
- **Update on Transboundary Sewage Conditions in Nogales** — Area Operations Manager John Light and Environmental Protection Specialist Albert Flores, USIBWC.
- **Public Comment** (To make public comment, RSVP by noon on October 12 to sally.spener@ibwc.gov)
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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