



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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COMMISSION SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR SOUTHEAST ARIZONA CITIZENS FORUM BOARD

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (USIBWC) is seeking applicants to serve on the Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum (SACF) Board. The purpose of the SACF is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community about Commission projects and related activities in Pima, Santa Cruz, and Cochise Counties, Arizona.

The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling differences that arise in the application of the treaties. The Commission is the official entity that determines the location of the international boundary and demarcates the boundary by erecting and maintaining monuments along the land boundary and demarcation plaques and traffic buttons at the ports of entry. The USIBWC operates the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant in Rio Rico, Arizona – the only wastewater treatment plant that treats sewage from both the United States and Mexico. The Commission also conducts various studies and engages in planning regarding water resources along the U.S.-Mexico border. In other states, the Commission operates international dams and flood control projects.

The SACF 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 users, environmentalists, government agencies, municipalities, etc. The Board

will conduct regular public meetings, approximately four times per year, to discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects and related activities. Meetings will be held in Pima, Santa Cruz, or Cochise County.

Application forms are available at: www.ibwc.gov/Files/CF_SEAZ_Application.pdf.

Application forms may also be requested from Public Affairs Officer Sally Spener, 915-832-4175, sally.spener@ibwc.gov or from the USIBWC's Nogales office at 520-281-1832. Applications should be postmarked by November 19, 2010. Board members to the SACF will be selected by the USIBWC in consideration of the agency's interest in encouraging participation by diverse interests and individuals and organizations most likely to be directly affected by USIBWC activities.

Additional information about the USIBWC is available at: www.ibwc.gov.

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