



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

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### **DECEMBER 18 PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FLOOD CONTROL ISSUES IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, AZ**

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum to discuss flood control issues affecting Santa Cruz County, Arizona. The meeting will take place Thursday, December 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Esplendor Resort, Mariposa Room, 1069 Camino Caralampi, Rio Rico, 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.

John Hays, Santa Cruz County Floodplain Coordinator, will discuss the draft revision to the Floodplain and Erosion Hazard Management Ordinance, which was last modified in 2001. Since then, Santa Cruz County has become a participant in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS) Program, which rates what a community is doing above and beyond the federally-required minimums in order for flood insurance to be available within the community. In addition, some federal and state requirements have changed since that time, and both FEMA and the State of Arizona are requiring that the ordinance be brought up to date to meet the current requirements. The Santa Cruz County Flood Control District is seeking to take advantage of various programs to increase the county's standing in the

CRS program and obtain greater discounts on flood insurance rates for residents in unincorporated Santa Cruz County, which is of particular interest due to recent federal legislation that has increased flood insurance costs for many homeowners.

In other business, John Light, USIBWC Area Operations Manager, will give an overview of current and planned activities to reinforce part of the International Outfall Interceptor (IOI), the aged pipe that conveys sewage from the international boundary to the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant in Rio Rico. The work is being done on a segment of the IOI located in a section of the Nogales Wash in Nogales, Arizona that was damaged during September storms. The fast-moving water through the Wash damaged concrete panels on the bottom of the channel in an area where the IOI runs underneath the Wash.

A complete meeting agenda follows.

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**SOUTHEAST ARIZONA CITIZENS FORUM**

**Thursday, December 18, 2014**

**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Esplendor Resort, Mariposa Room**

**1069 Camino Caralampi**

**Rio Rico, AZ**

- Welcome and Introductions – John Light, Citizens Forum Co-Chair, USIBWC
- Draft Revision to Floodplain and Erosion Hazard Management Ordinance – John Hays, Floodplain Coordinator, Santa Cruz County, Arizona
- Response to September Storm Impacts to the Nogales Wash and International Sewage Pipe – John Light, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

**\*Directions:** From I-19, take Exit #17 Rio Rico Drive/Yavapai Drive. Go west on Rio Rico/Yavapai. Make a left turn onto Camino Caralampi. Esplendor Resort is up the hill on the right.

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