

International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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SOUTHEAST ARIZONA CITIZENS FORUM IN-PERSON MEETING ON JUNE 8

The United States Section of the <u>International Boundary and Water Commission</u> (USIBWC) Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum board is pleased to announce that it will host an in-person public meeting on **Thursday**, **June 8**, **from 4 – 6 p.m. MST**.

The event will focus on important topics, including the current situation of the Naco, Sonora, wastewater collection system and wastewater treatment plant.

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...

Andrés Rangel, Associate Director at North American Development Bank, will describe the current situation of the Naco wastewater collection system and wastewater treatment plant as well as the status of efforts to address this situation.

Mr. Rangel also will present on the expected reduction in wastewater that currently flows from Mexico into the United States due to the expansion of the Los Alisos wastewater treatment plant in Mexico, as well as upcoming projects in Nogales, Sonora, including the biological assessment of potential impacts to the Santa Cruz River from the proposed expansion of the plant.

The public meeting will be held at:

Santa Cruz County North Facility - Tubac Community Center 50 Bridge Road Tubac, AZ 85646

For those who wish to join online, details and the presentations will be available at least two hours before the meeting.

Go to the Southeast Arizona Citizens Forum page https://www.ibwc.gov/Citizens_Forums/CF_SE_AZ.html. Look for the links for the 6/8/2023 meeting.

If you would like to speak during the public comment period, please sign up ahead of time by contacting Leslie Grijalva at leslie.grijalva@ibwc.gov or 915-832-4770 by noon on June 8.

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions Ben Lomeli, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- Welcome from the Chief of Public Affairs Frank Fisher, Chief of Public Affairs, USIBWC
- Current Situation of the Naco, SN Wastewater Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant – Andrés Rangel, Associate Director, North American Development Bank
- Upcoming Projects in Nogales, Sonora Andrés Rangel, North American Development Bank
- **Public Comment** (To make public comment, RSVP by noon on June 8 to leslie.grijalva@ibwc.gov)
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items
- Presentation of Certificates to Board Members John Light, Supervisory Facility Operations Specialist, USIBWC
- Announcement/Discussion of Citizens Forum Board Application Process

If you have a disability that you wish to self-identify confidentially that requires accommodation, please advise us ahead of time. For more information call 915-832-4770 or email leslie.grijalva@ibwc.gov