



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC Upper Rio Grande Citizens Forum in El Paso, Texas, on October 24

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) Upper Rio Grande Citizens Forum board will host an in-person and virtual public meeting on Thursday, **October 24, 2024, from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. MDT.**

David Duran, USIBWC Regional Operations Manager, American Dam Field Office, will present updates on public maintenance requests as well as total sediment removals for Fiscal Years 2022-2024 within the agency's Canalization Project Area.

Gerardo Melendez, Lead Civil Engineer (Hydraulic), U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, will speak about Rio Grande irrigation updates and next session irrigation topics.

The public meeting will be held in person at:

**USIBWC Headquarters Building
4191 North Mesa St.
El Paso, Texas 79902**

The public meeting will also be held virtually. [Click here to join the meeting](#). If possible, it may be helpful for you to test connectivity on your own prior to the meeting by clicking on the "Join" link and ensuring your camera and microphone are functioning. Or join by phone: Call-in number +1 915-320-4718,,830887077# Phone conference ID: 830 887 077#

For those connecting via phone, the presentations will be available before the start of the meeting. Go to the USIBWC Citizens Forum page at <https://www.ibwc.gov/meetings/list/> and look for the links for the Upper Rio Grande Citizen Forum meeting.

If you would like to speak during the public comment period, please sign up ahead of time by contacting Frankie Pinon at frankie.pinon@ibwc.gov or 915-832-4716 by noon on October 18, 2024.

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And Via Teams

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** – USIBWC Citizens Forum Board Co-Chairs
- **USIBWC Presentation on Field Office** –David Duran, Regional Area Operations Manager, USIBWC American Dam Field Office.
- **Irrigation updates and 2025 outlook** – Gerado Melendez, Lead Civil Engineer (Hydraulic), U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.
- **Public Comment**
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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 915-832-4716 or email frankie.pinon@ibwc.gov

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