



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT RESPONSE ACTIVITIES ON AGENDA FOR JAN. 18 VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Bureau of Reclamation actions to stabilize rapidly-declining storage in Colorado River reservoirs, and water conservation actions underway in Arizona will be the focus of the Colorado River Citizens Forum on Wednesday, January 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m. MST/3:00 – 5:00 p.m. PST via Teams webinar. The Colorado River Citizens Forum was established in 2003 to facilitate the exchange of information between the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) and members of the public about Commission activities in Yuma County, Arizona and Imperial County, California and related matters.

Amy Witherall, Binational Program Manager for the [Bureau of Reclamation](#), will present on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) directed by the Secretary of the Interior to revise operating guidelines for Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Reclamation is undertaking the SEIS because the existing operating guidelines are insufficient to protect the long-term sustainability of the Colorado River system, given current reservoir storage and in light of plausible low runoff conditions over the next four years.

In another drought-related presentation, Tom Buschatzke, Director of the [Arizona Department of Water Resources](#), and Patrick Dent, Assistant General Manager of Water Policy at the [Central Arizona Project](#) (CAP), will provide an update on efforts made by the State of Arizona, CAP, and other Arizona participants to conserve water in the Colorado River system. The presentation will also discuss the State of Arizona's views on Colorado River management and impacts to the CAP of Colorado River shortages.

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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions – Meghan Scott, Citizens Forum Co-Chair**

- **Colorado River Update from Reclamation** – Sarah Baker, Hydrologic Engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation, and Amy Witherall, Binational Program Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation

- **Water Conservation Actions in Arizona** – Tom Buschatzke, Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, and Patrick Dent, Assistant General Manager of Water Policy at the Central Arizona Project

- **Remarks from USIBWC Commissioner Maria-Elena Giner**

- **Public Comment**

- **Board Discussion**

- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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