



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL ISSUES ON AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 27 PUBLIC MEETING

The United States Section of the [International Boundary and Water Commission](#) (USIBWC) has scheduled a public meeting of the Rio Grande Citizens Forum (RGCF) on **Thursday, October 27, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. MDT via webinar** to discuss regional flood control issues. The Rio Grande Citizens Forum was established to facilitate the exchange of information with the public about Commission activities and related matters.

Zack Libbin, District Engineer for the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, and John Gwynne, Director of the Doña Ana County Flood Commission, will give a presentation about the South Central New Mexico Stormwater Coalition and opportunities to address the challenges of intense floods.

In addition, USIBWC Civil Engineer Andrea Glover will discuss ongoing and planned work to raise and rehabilitate Rio Grande flood control levees. Her presentation will include an update on the FEMA certification status of levees in Doña Ana County, New Mexico and El Paso County, Texas, which affects flood insurance requirements and costs.

A complete meeting agenda follows. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact (915) 832-4175 or the Public Affairs Office at sally.spener@ibwc.gov.

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RIO GRANDE CITIZENS FORUM

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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions** — Erin Ward, Citizens Forum Co-Chair
- **South Central New Mexico Stormwater Coalition Collaboration Opportunities to Address the Challenges of Intense Floods** — Zack Libbin, PE, District Engineer, Elephant Butte Irrigation District, and John Gwynne, PE, Director, Doña Ana County Flood Commission
- **Rio Grande Flood Control Levee Projects and Certification Status** — Andrea Glover, PE, Civil Engineer, USIBWC
- **Public Comment** (To make public comment, RSVP by noon on Oct. 26 to sally.spener@ibwc.gov or 915-832-4175)
- **Board Discussion**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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