



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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RIO GRANDE CITIZENS FORUM IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING ON JUNE 22

The United States Section of the [International Boundary and Water Commission](#) (USIBWC) Rio Grande Citizens Forum board is pleased to announce that it will host an in-person and virtual public meeting on **Thursday, June 22, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. MDT.**

USIBWC Environmental Protection Specialist Lisa Torres will be discussing the water quality of the Rio Grande in the Upper Rio Grande in Texas. The USIBWC Texas Clean Rivers program collects water quality information throughout the Rio Grande Basin. Routine monitoring has shown that bacteria continue to exceed limits in the El Paso area, and Clean Rivers Program staff will be discussing bacteria issues. Ms. Torres will also be discussing salinity, monitoring activities, outreach activities, and any projects in the Rio Grande affecting water quality.

In addition, USIBWC Civil Engineer Crystal Cadillo 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.

The public meeting will be held in person at:

**USIBWC Headquarters
4191 N. Mesa Street
El Paso, TX 79902**

The public meeting will also be held virtually. To join the Microsoft Teams meeting, go to: <https://bit.ly/OctRGCF>. Click on the “Join” button. If you do not have Teams installed on the device you will use to attend the meeting, it will work through any internet browser. 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 (915) 320-4718 | Conference ID: 843 834 772#

For those connecting via phone, the presentations will be available before the start of the meeting. Go to the Rio Grande Citizens Forum page <https://bit.ly/OctRGCF>. Look for the links for the 6/22/2023 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 21.

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And via Teams Webinar

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – **Brenda Barnes, Citizens Forum Co-Chair**
- Opening Remarks – **Frank Fisher, Director of Public Affairs, USIBWC**
- Texas Clean Rivers Program Rio Grande Basin Update, Water Quality Monitoring Results, and Related Matters – **Lisa Torres, Environmental Protection Specialist, Texas Clean Rivers Program for the Rio Grande Basin, USIBWC**
- Rio Grande Flood Control Levee Projects and Certification Status – **Crystal Cadillo, P.E., Civil Engineer, USIBWC**
- **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 915-832-4770 or email leslie.grijalva@ibwc.gov