



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **RIO GRANDE CITIZENS FORUM IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 19**

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 **October 19, 2023, from 6:30-8:30 P.M. MDT.**

Genevieve Allan, Project Management Specialist with the Water Management Division for the Bureau of Reclamation, will be discussing The Rio Grande Project Area - Drought Resilience Team. This multi-agency technical team was established in response to prolonged aridification of the Rio Grande Project area and aims to build resilience in the project water supply, improve water management, enhance habitat to the extent possible, explore water conservation opportunities, allow for information sharing between government agencies and project water users, and explore joint funding opportunities.

David Duran, Area Operations Manager for the USIBWC Upper Rio Grande Field Office, will be discussing the USIBWC Sediment Disposal Program. The USIBWC is seeking partners that may need sediment for their projects or for general use. The sediment is dirt removed from the riverbed or floodway and is offered at no cost (FREE) to anyone. Mr. Duran will present the process of applying for the No-Cost Sediment eAgreement at the October 19<sup>th</sup> Citizen's Forum.

The public meeting will be held in person at:

**Doña Ana County Government Center, Commission Chambers  
845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007**

The public meeting will also be held virtually. To join the Microsoft Teams meeting, go to [this link](#). 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: [+1 872-240-1286](tel:+18722401286), [973309648#](tel:+18722401286) Phone Conference ID: 973 309 648#

For those connecting via phone, the presentations will be available before the start of the meeting. Go to the Upper Rio Grande Citizens Forum page <https://bit.ly/48KJ7ks> Look for the links for the 10/19/2023 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](mailto:leslie.grijalva@ibwc.gov) or 915-832-4770 by noon on October 15.

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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
- **Rio Grande Project Area - Drought Resilience Team** - Genevieve Allan, Project Management Specialist Water Management Division, Bureau of Reclamation
- **USIBWC Sediment Disposal Program** - David Duran, Area Operations Manager, USIBWC Upper Rio Grande Field Office.
- **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](mailto:leslie.grijalva@ibwc.gov).