



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR RIO GRANDE CITIZENS FORUM BOARD

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is seeking applicants to serve on the Rio Grande Citizens Forum (RGCF) – a board established for the exchange of information regarding USIBWC activities in the area between Percha Dam, N.M., and Ft. Quitman, Texas. RGCF meetings are open to the public and act as a focal point for the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the local community regarding ongoing and future USIBWC projects and related activities.

The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling differences that arise in the application of the treaties. The Commission is the official entity that determines the location of the international boundary and demarcates the boundary by erecting and maintaining monuments and demarcation plaques and traffic buttons at the ports of entry.

The Citizens Forum is intended to bring together community members, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the USIBWC and the general public, water users, environmentalists, government agencies, municipalities, etc. The Board will conduct regular public meetings in person and online, three times per year, to discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects and related activities.

The Board will conduct public meetings in the greater El Paso, Texas, Las Cruces, N.M., area, at locations to be determined. The USIBWC is seeking applications from the general public. Board members serve for a two-year term as volunteers and receive no compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

Applications are available here: <https://bit.ly/40iMX0r> or through the QR Code below. Application forms may also be requested by contacting Esther Cortez at pao@ibwc.gov or 915-317-5915. The deadline to submit your application is **November 24, 2023**. Board

members to the Citizens Forum will be selected by the USIBWC in consideration of the agency's interest in encouraging participation by diverse interests and individuals and organizations most likely to be directly affected by USIBWC activities. Additional information about the USIBWC is available at: www.ibwc.gov.

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