



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **2022 WATER DELIVERIES AND MONSOON SEASON FORECAST ON AGENDA FOR JUNE 23 IN-PERSON MEETING**

The Rio Grande Citizens Forum (RGCF) of the U.S. Section of the [International Boundary and Water Commission](#) (USIBWC) will host its first in-person Citizens Forum meeting since 2020 on **Thursday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at USIBWC Headquarters, 4191 N. Mesa Street, El Paso, Texas 79902.** The Rio Grande Citizens Forum was established to facilitate the exchange of information with the public about Commission activities and related matters.

Samantha Stiffler, Hydrologist, USIBWC, will be presenting on the 2022 Rio Grande water deliveries to Mexico according to the Convention of 1906. Currently, Mexico's allocation is 12,428 acre-feet, or 20.7% of a full allocation. Regional drought has resulted in reduced allocations to all irrigators within the system. USIBWC works closely with our counterparts in Mexico, other federal agencies, and local entities throughout the season to coordinate delivery schedules, measure stream discharge, exchange data, and regulate deliveries.

Jason Laney, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service El Paso, will give a presentation on the 3-month outlook from the climate prediction center on the monsoon season and the effect on water in the southwest region. Severe to exceptional drought conditions could worsen over the coming months if monsoon season doesn't materialize and bring near normal rainfall.

The USIBWC established the Rio Grande Citizens Forum in 1999 to facilitate the exchange of information with the public regarding USIBWC activities and related matters on the Rio Grande between Percha Dam, New Mexico and Fort Quitman, Texas. It is designed to bring together

community members, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between USIBWC and the public, environmentalists, irrigation districts, municipalities, and others interested in the river.

Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting may contact the Public Affairs Office at 915-494-6027 or [lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov](mailto:lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov).

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**El Paso, Texas 79902**

### **Agenda**

- **Welcome and Introductions** –Rosie Montes, Rio Grande Field Office Area Operations Manager and Citizens Forum Co-Chair, USIBWC
- **2022 Water Deliveries to Mexico** – Samantha Stiffler, Hydrologist, USIBWC
- **Monsoon Season & What to Expect This Year**—Jason Laney, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, El Paso
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion
- Suggested Future Agenda Items

**\*Directions:** Exit I-10 at Executive Center Boulevard and head east toward Mesa St. Turn right on Mesa. USIBWC Headquarters building is to your right. Park in the visitors parking lot on Mesa Street. Walk to the gate and ring the bell. The guard will let you in. Please arrive at least 30 minutes early because all visitors must pass through security screenings.

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