



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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USIBWC SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR LOWER RIO GRANDE CITIZENS FORUM BOARD

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is seeking applicants to serve on the Lower Rio Grande Citizens Forum (LRGCF) – a board established for the exchange of information regarding USIBWC activities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. LRGCF 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 in the area.

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 along the land boundary 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, approximately 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 Lower Rio Grande Valley 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/LRGapplication>. Application forms may also be requested by contacting Esther Cortez at esther.cortez@ibwc.gov or 915-317-5915. The

deadline to submit your application is **September 29, 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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