



Rio Grande / Rio Bravo Binational Forum
Overview Agenda
 El Paso, Texas
 November 7-8, 2017

Meeting Purpose

The 2017 Rio Grande / Rio Bravo Binational Forum will bring together a variety of water users, such as farmers, ranchers, city officials, tribal members, policymakers, business leaders, conservationists, and scientists from Mexico and the United States. Together, we will share creative approaches to meet river management and water challenges, inspire collaboration, and highlight and build upon successes to protect the river for future generations.

Desired Outcomes

- Share solutions, innovations, and tools to solve problems in the river basin.
- Inspire attendees to feel positively about the basin and its future.
- Connect to others and build relationships.
- Begin to create a common vision for where to go after the Forum.

November 6	
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Registration
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Open lounge (on site)

November 7	
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 – 9:30	Welcome and vision for the Forum <i>MC: Karin Krchnak, World Wildlife Fund–US</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Coca-Cola ▫ Ramón Morga, Rio Bravo Basin Council
9:30 – 10:30	Session 1: Water availability and management Theme: Surface water management in the three parts of the basin, including information on water availability and water quality. <i>Moderator: Mark Briggs, World Wildlife Fund–US</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Adrian Oglesby, University of New Mexico, Utton Transboundary Resources Center

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10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 2: Context of the basin</p> <p>Theme: Issues affected by and related to water management. <i>Moderator: Mike Langston, South Central Climate Science Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Sam Sandoval, University of California–Davis ▫ Jack Friedman and Stephanie Paladino, University of Oklahoma ▫ Ismael Aguilar Barajas, Tecnológico de Monterrey ▫ Jad Ziolkowska, University of Oklahoma ▫ David Gutzler, University of New Mexico ▫ Phaedra Budy, Utah State University
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch (provided on site)
2:00 – 3:15	<p>Session 3: Innovative water management and access for all</p> <p>Theme: Taking into account all the uses of water, including the equity of water distribution. <i>Moderator: Jon Radtke, Coca-Cola</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Carlos Patiño, Universidad de las Americas ▫ Beth Bardwell, New Mexico Audubon Society ▫ Sonny Hinojosa, Hidalgo County Irrigation District No.2
3:15 – 3:45	Break
3:45 – 5:00	<p>Session 4: Water quality</p> <p>Theme: Water quality, including safety and health of potable water for human consumption. <i>Moderator: Alfredo Rodriguez, World Wildlife Fund–Mexico</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Wayne Belzer, International Boundary & Water Commission (IBWC) ▫ Water Utility of Monterrey ▫ Teresa Alarcon, CIMAV-Durango
5:00 – 5:15	Closing

5:15 – 6:45	Reception (on site)
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November 8	
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8:30 – 8:45	Opening <i>MC: Genevieve Johnson, Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative</i>
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8:45 – 10:15	Watershed restoration Theme: On-the-ground restoration actions that affect water quantity and quality. <i>Moderator: Aimee Roberson, Rio Grande Joint Venture</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Javier Ochoa Espinoza, Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP) ◦ Emma Reiger, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project ◦ Eusebio Ingol, Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina ◦ Colin McDonald, Texas Comptroller Office
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10:15 – 10:45	Break
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10:45 – 12:00	Session 6: Water conservation Theme: Making water go further for people and the environment. <i>Moderator: Ismael Aguilar Barajas, Tecnológico de Monterrey</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Mike Hamman, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) ◦ Eugenio Barrios, World Wildlife Fund–Mexico ◦ Oscar Ibañez, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez ◦ Scott Reinert, El Paso Water Utility
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12:00 – 1:30	Lunch (provided on site)
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1:30 – 2:30	Session 7: Basin and natural resources conservation Theme: Successful efforts to conserve water and other natural resources throughout the river basin. <i>Moderator: Judy Takats, World Wildlife Fund–US</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Mike Gatlin, U.S. Forest Service ◦ Laura McCarthy, The Nature Conservancy ◦ Mauricio de la Maza-Benignos, Pronatura Noreste ◦ Demetrio Fernández Reynoso, Colegio de Postgraduados
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2:30 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 4:30	Session 8: Next steps – a call to action Theme: Where time and resources should be directed going forward.
4:30 – 5:00	Session 9: Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Mario López Pérez, Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua ◦ Bruce Alan Karas, Coca-Cola

