

Binational Río Grande Summit



Cooperation for a Better Future

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Cumbre Binacional del Río Bravo

Agenda

November 16-18, 2005

November 16th, Reynosa, Tam.

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Registration – Holiday Inn Zona Dorada, Reynosa, Tamaulipas
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Reception – Holiday Inn Zona Dorada, Reynosa, Tamaulipas

November 17th, Reynosa, Tam.

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Registration – Holiday Inn Zona Dorada, Reynosa, Tamaulipas
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Inaugural Ceremonies – Holiday Inn Zona Dorada
8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.	Welcome – Lic. Francisco Javier Garcia Cabeza de Vaca, Municipal President of Reynosa, Tamaulipas
8:05 a.m. – 8:12 a.m.	Remarks – Felipe Arreguin, representing the Director General of the National Water Commission
8:12 a.m.– 8:19 a.m.	Remarks – Enrique Cardenas del Avellano, representing the Governor of Tamaulipas
8:19 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Presentation of the objectives of the Summit – Bosco Marti Ascencio, Director General for North America, Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Relations
8:30 a.m.	Departure of Dignitaries
8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	Remarks and Introduction of the Keynote Speaker Acting U.S. Commissioner Carlos Marin (IBWC) Mexican Commissioner J. Arturo Herrera Solis (IBWC)
8:40 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.	Keynote Address Jean Francois Donzier, President, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
9:10 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Session 1

Topic: Legal and Institutional Aspects

Moderators	Miguel Angel Rodríguez (SRE) / Carlos Rubinstein (TCEQ)
Recorders	Edith Robledo (SRE) / Mary Brandt (IBWC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Jurisdiction. State Legislation Laws and Responsibilities 	Blanca Alicia Mendoza (CONAGUA) / Glenn Jarvis (Region M)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Binational Jurisdiction Prospects for cooperation and negotiation within the existing legal framework 	Arturo Barrio (SRE) / John Ritchie (State Dept.)
10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.	Break
10:10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Session 2 (Part One)

Topic: Binational Basin Management

Moderators	Pedro Garza Treviño (CONAGUA) / Ari Michelsen (Texas A & M)
Recorders	Carla Hernandez Rivas (CONAGUA) / Karen Chapman (Environmental Defense)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Challenges 	Poliopro Martínez (CNA) / Wayne Halbert (Lower Rio Grande Valley Water District Managers)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future Scenarios - Projected Growth in Population and Municipal Water Demand 	Humberto Silva Hidalgo (JCAS - Chihuahua) / Dan Hardin (TWDB)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projected Water Demand for Agriculture 	Luis Rendon Pimentel (CONAGUA) / Allan Jones (TX Water Resources Institute)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of Ground Water 	Roberto Aurelio Sencion Aceves (CONAGUA) / Ali Chowdhury (TWDB)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Information Technologies for the Future of the Rio Grande 	Daene McKinney (UT – Austin) and Daniel Sheer (Hydrologics, Inc.)
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Session 2 (Part Two)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Rights and Marketing 	Antonio Gordillo Ozuna (CONAGUA) / Carlos Rubinstein (TCEQ)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrology 	Jaime Collado (IMTA) / Kenneth Rakestraw (USIBWC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Droughts 	Carlos Escalante (UNAM) / Travis Miller (TX A & M)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation and Re-Use of Water 	Alberto Peralta Rosas (CONAGUA) / Bill Norris (NRS Consulting Engineers)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Dynamics 	Gonzalo Bravo (BECC) / David Eaton (UT – Austin)
5:00 p.m.	End of Day One

November 18th McAllen, TX

7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Registration – Holiday Inn Civic Center, McAllen, TX
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Welcome / Introductions to 2 nd Day Commissioner John Ingram, City of McAllen Chairman Kathleen White, TCEQ
8:30 a.m. to 8:35 a.m.	Brief Recess
8:35 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Session 3

Topic: Environment and Water Quality

Moderators	Miguel Flores (EPA) / Daniel Chacon (BECC)
Recorders	Chris Brown (NMSU) / Luis Cervera (COLEF)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water for the Environment 	Hector Arias (WWF) / Jose Luis Tamez Garcia (SEMARNAT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change 	J. Alfredo Rodríguez (IE Chih.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality 	Wayne Belzer (USIBWC) / Jesus Garcia Cabrera (CONAGUA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Management 	Carlos Gonzalez Vicente (CONAFOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasive Species 	Fred Nibling (Bureau) / Roberto Rangel Martinez (CONAGUA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity 	Ernesto Reyes (USFWS) / Alfonso Martinez Muñoz (School of Forest Sciences, UANL)
11:45 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.	Break
11:55 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	Session 4

Topic: Finance

Moderators	Fernando Escarcega (NADB)
Recorders	Jose Garcia (NMSU) / Humberto Silva Hidalgo (JCAS Chihuahua)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Needs 	Carolyn Brittin (TWDB) / Jose Maria Hinojosa Aguirre (CONAGUA) / Fernando Escarcega (NADB)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Funding Sources 	Ken Jones (LRGVDC) / Manuel Villegas Toledo (BANOBRAS)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Funding Sources for Rio Grande Projects 	Walter Rast (Texas State University, GEF)
1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.	Lunch – Regional Work Group Meetings
2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Concurrent Group Discussions

- Legal and Institutional Aspects– Moderators, Recorders and Participants from General Session
- Binational Basin Management – Moderators, Recorders and Participants from General Session
- Environment and Water Quality - Moderators, Recorders and Participants from General Session
- Finance - Moderators, Recorders and Participants from General Session

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Brief Recess
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Conclusions and Recommendations Acting U.S. Commissioner Carlos Marin (IBWC) Mexican Commissioner J. Arturo Herrera Solis (IBWC)
6:00 p.m.	Closing