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## **CARLOS MARIN TAKES OATH OF OFFICE, BEGINS DUTIES AS USIBWC COMMISSIONER**

Carlos Marin was sworn in today as United States Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, following his appointment by President George W. Bush. During a brief ceremony at U.S. Section Headquarters in El Paso, Texas, he was administered the Oath of Office by Kevin Petz, the agency's Human Resources Director. The Commissioner serves as head of the U.S. Section (USIBWC), overseeing employees and projects in 12 offices located along the U.S.-Mexico border and in Washington, DC. Marin had served as Acting Commissioner since September 2005.

Marin is a licensed professional engineer who has worked for the USIBWC for 27 years. He served as Deputy Commissioner of the USIBWC from January 2002 to November 2004. Prior to being named Deputy Commissioner, he was the Principal Engineer of the Operations Department, serving as a key technical and policy advisor to the U.S. Commissioner regarding USIBWC field office operations and implementation of U.S.-Mexico boundary and water treaties. He also served in various managerial positions at the USIBWC where he supervised major flood control, sanitation, and boundary demarcation projects. Marin is the USIBWC representative to the Interagency Committee on Dam Safety and is the U.S. lead for critical infrastructure protection efforts relating to U.S.-Mexico border dams under the President's Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. He currently serves on the Border Trade Alliance Committee (BTAC) and as a member of the Good Neighbor

Environmental Board (GNEB). A licensed professional engineer, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1978.

“I am honored to receive this appointment,” Marin said. “I look forward to applying my many years of experience with the Commission to address the challenges we face along the border.”

The International Boundary and Water Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling differences that arise in their application. The Commission operates and maintains flood control levees, international storage reservoirs, diversion dams, wastewater treatment plants, and boundary monuments at various locations on the U.S.-Mexico border. In addition to its Headquarters in El Paso, Texas, the U.S. Section has offices at San Diego, California; Nogales and Yuma, Arizona; Las Cruces, New Mexico; El Paso/American Dam, Ft. Hancock, Presidio, Del Rio/Amistad Dam, Falcon Heights/Falcon Dam, and Mercedes in Texas; and Washington, DC. The USIBWC receives foreign policy guidance from the U.S. Department of State.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Carlos Marin was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2006 to serve as U.S. Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico. Mr. Marin, a licensed professional engineer, is a 27-year career employee of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), where he gained extensive experience in addressing and resolving major binational environmental, sanitation, and water resource management issues in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, he served as Acting Commissioner for 15 months.

Mr. Marin served as Deputy Commissioner from January 2002 to November 2004, at which time the U.S. Commissioner designated Mr. Marin as his Treaty Compliance Policy Advisor. In 1997, Mr. Marin was named Principal Engineer of the Operations Department, in which he independently developed and administered major agency policies and programs, and had oversight responsibility for the operation and maintenance of various binational flood control projects, power plants and international storage reservoirs, international wastewater treatment plants, water accounting systems, and hydrographic data collection. As Principal Engineer, Mr. Marin served as the primary technical and key policy advisor to the U.S. Commissioner regarding USIBWC operations at its 10 project offices that span the U.S.-Mexico border from San Diego, California to the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Marin also served as the senior advisor to the U.S. Commissioner on matters relating to the implementation of U.S.-Mexico boundary and water treaties, coordinated binational operational issues directly with his Mexican counterpart, and served as USIBWC's principal negotiator on critical U.S.-Mexico treaty implementation issues. Mr. Marin is the USIBWC representative to the Interagency Committee on Dam Safety and is the U.S. lead for critical infrastructure protection efforts relating to U.S.-Mexico border dams under the President's Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. He currently serves on the Border Trade Alliance Committee (BTAC) and as a member of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB).

Prior to assuming senior executive level responsibilities, Mr. Marin held various supervisory engineering and management positions at the USIBWC, including: Division Engineer for Planning, Project Development and Operations and Maintenance (1994-1997), in which capacity he had responsibility for all operations and maintenance, design, and planning functions for the agency; Project Manager for the Nuevo Laredo International Wastewater Treatment Plant (1990-1994), in which capacity, in conjunction with two Mexican construction engineers, he had the responsibility to manage the design, construction, and operation and maintenance of a 31 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant serving the community of Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; and Project Manager for the Upper Rio Grande Project (1988-1990), in which capacity he had oversight responsibility for flood control in a 400-mile reach of the Rio Grande from Percha Dam, New Mexico to Presidio, Texas, and assuring water deliveries to Mexico pursuant to the 1906 Convention. In addition, Mr. Marin served as Chief of the Boundary Section (1984-1988), in which capacity he had oversight over all land and river boundary surveys, mapping and demarcation issues along the almost 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border; and he served as an agency Staff Engineer (1979-1984), during which time he identified the official location of the U.S.-Mexico boundary

and developed the IBWC official boundary maps.

Mr. Marin began his 31-year federal career at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, where he worked from 1975 to 1979 at offices in El Paso, Texas; Denver Colorado; and Las Vegas, Nevada, as a civil engineer trainee and as an engineer. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1978. Mr. Marin is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Waterworks Association, and the Colorado River Water Users Association. A native of El Paso, Texas, Mr. Marin currently resides in El Paso with his wife and two children.