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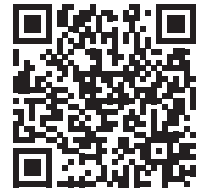
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#### Schedule of Events / Programa de Actividades



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#### Tuesday, November 14 / Martes 14 de Noviembre

3:00-5:00 PM	<b>Registration &amp; Check In / Registro de participantes</b> <i>Hotel Lobby / Lobby del hotel</i>
5:00-6:00 PM	<b>Welcome Reception &amp; Happy Hour (Outdoors) / Coctel de Bienvenida (Exterior)</b> <i>Casa De Palmas Hotel, Courtyard Patio and Lobby Bar</i>
6:00-9:00 PM	<b>Dinner (Indoors) / Cena (Interior)</b> <i>Casa De Palmas Hotel, Royal Palm Ballroom</i>

#### Wednesday, November 15 / Miércoles 15 de Noviembre

<i>Complimentary breakfast for hotel guests available 6:30-10:30 AM in the Spanish Room / Desayuno para huéspedes del hotel disponible de 6:30 a 10:30 AM en el Salón Spanish</i>	
7:30-9:00 AM	<b>Registration &amp; Check In / Registro de participantes</b> <i>Hotel Lobby</i>
9:00-9:15 AM	<b>Welcome and Introduction / Bienvenida e Introducción</b> <i>Royal Palm Ballroom</i> Sarah Schlessinger, CEO, Texas Water Foundation
9:15-10:15 AM	<b>State of the Rio Grande: Challenges, Goals, and Opportunities / Retos, Objetivos y Oportunidades</b> <i>Royal Palm Ballroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Commissioner María Elena Giner, US Section, IBWC</li><li>○ Commissioner Adriana Resendez, MX Section, IBWC</li><li>○ Commissioner Bobby Janecka, TCEQ</li><li>○ Silvia Chavez Cereceda, Gerente de Cooperación Internacional (en representación de Germán Martínez Santoyo, Director General de CONAGUA)</li></ul> Moderator: Sarah Schlessinger, CEO, Texas Water Foundation
10:15-10:30 AM	<b>Networking Break / Receso</b>
10:30-11:30 AM	<b>State of Play: Technical Updates / Estado actual: Actualizaciones Técnicas</b> <i>Royal Palm Ballroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Agustín Boone, Ingeniero Principal, MX Section, IBWC</li><li>○ Isela Canava, Principal Engineer, US Section, IBWC</li><li>○ Georgina "Gina" P. Bermea, Watermaster, TCEQ</li><li>○ José Gutiérrez, Gerente de Ingeniería y Asuntos Binacionales del Agua, CONAGUA</li></ul> Moderator: Commissioner Bobby Janecka, TCEQ
11:30-12:00 PM	<b>Local Management Spotlights / Distinción a Proyectos Municipales</b> <i>Royal Palm Ballroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Advanced Water Purification Project-El Paso Water</b>, Scott Reinert, <i>Water Resources Manager</i>, El Paso Water</li><li>● <b>Sanitation in Nuevo Laredo</b>, Mayor Carmen Lilia Canturosas</li></ul> Moderator: Sonia González, Coordinadora de Protocolo, MX Section, IBWC
12:00-1:30 PM	<b>Networking Lunch / Comida</b> <i>Ruby Red II &amp; III</i>
1:30-2:00 PM	<b>Speed Networking Activity / Actividad: Creación rápida de redes</b> <i>Courtyard/Pool</i>

BREAKOUT SESSIONS / GRUPOS DE TRABAJO		
2:00-3:00 PM	<p><b>Water Quality / Calidad del Agua</b> <i>VIP Member Lounge</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Binational Salinity Study</b> Dr. Dan Sheer, University of Texas Dr. David Eaton, University of Texas Dr. José Luis Fernández Zayas, Universidad Autónoma de México (UNAM)</li> </ul> <p>Moderators: Manuel Morales, Subdirector de Saneamiento y Calidad del Agua, MX Section, IBWC &amp; Eddie Moderow, Manager of U.S.- Mexico Affairs, TCEQ</p>	<p><b>Infrastructure, Modelling &amp; Financing / Infraestructura &amp; Financiamiento</b> <i>Royal Palm Ballroom</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grand Vision, Sanitation, and Future Water Supplies</b>, Antonio Rascón, <i>Ingeniero Principal</i>, MX Section, IBWC</li> <li>• <b>Basin Modelling</b> Delbert Humberson, <i>Hydrologist</i>, US Section, IBWC</li> <li>• <b>Successful Financial Structures</b> Salvador Lopez, <i>Environmental Infrastructure Finance Director</i>, NADB</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: TBA</p>
3:00-3:30 PM	<b>Networking Break / Receso</b>	
BREAKOUT SESSIONS / GRUPOS DE TRABAJO		
3:30-4:30 PM	<p><b>Riparian Management / Gestión Riveña</b> <i>VIP Member Lounge</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sediment and Invasive Control</b> Jeff Bennett, <i>Habitat Restoration Hydrologist</i>, Rio Grande Joint Venture</li> <li>• <b>Binational Park</b> Tricia Cortez, <i>Executive Director</i>, Rio Grande International Study Center</li> <li>• <b>Protected Natural Areas</b> Rosario Alvarez, <i>Directora General</i>, PRONATURA, Región Noreste</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Colin McDonald, Senior Policy Analyst, Texas Water Foundation</p>	<p><b>Irrigation &amp; Sustainability / Sustentabilidad y Riego</b> <i>Royal Palm Ballroom</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mexican Irrigation District</b> Mario Mata, <i>Director Ejecutivo</i>, Junta Central de Agua y Saneamiento (JCAS) del Estado de Chihuahua. Raúl Quiroga Álvarez, <i>Secretario de Recursos Hidráulicos para el Desarrollo Social</i> del Estado de Tamaulipas.</li> <li>• <b>TX Irrigation Districts</b> Sonia Lambert, <i>Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2</i> Sonny Hinojosa, <i>Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 2</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Francisco "Dan" Sainz, Washington DC Liaison, US Section IBWC</p>
4:30-5:30 PM	<p><b>Rio Grande Policy Workgroup Update: Promoting Predictable and Reliable Water Deliveries / Grupo de Política del Río Bravo: Promoviendo el abastecimiento del agua confiable y segura</b> <i>Royal Palm Ballroom</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sally Spener, Foreign Affairs Officer, US Section IBWC</li> <li>○ Jesus Luevano, Secretario Mexicano, MX Section, IBWC</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Antonio Segovia, Representante en Reynosa, Tamaulipas MX Section, IBWC</p>	
6:00-9:00 PM	<p><b>Happy Hour &amp; Dinner / Coctel y Cena</b> <i>Salomé on Main, 1409 N Main St</i></p>	

## Thursday, November 16 / Jueves 16 de Noviembre

<p><i>Complimentary breakfast for hotel guests available 6:30-10:30 AM in the Spanish Room / Desayuno para huéspedes del hotel disponible de 6:30 a 10:30 AM en el salón Spanish</i></p>	
9:00-10:00 AM	<p><b>Lessons Learned: Diplomacy and Best Management Practices / Lecciones aprendidas: Diplomacia y Mejores prácticas de gestión</b>  <i>Royal Palm Ballroom</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Carlos Rubinstein, <i>Principal</i>, RSAH2O</li> <li>○ Gabriel Eckstein, <i>Professor &amp; Transboundary Water Expert</i>, Texas A&amp;M School of Law</li> <li>○ Homey Bon Santoyo, <i>Substitute Technical Secretary Technical Director</i>, Río Bravo Basin Organization, CONAGUA</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Sonia González, <i>Coordinadora de Protocolo</i>, MX Section, IBWC</p>
10:00-10:15 AM	<p><b>Networking Break / Receso</b></p>
10:15-11:15 AM	<p><b>Binational Environmental Collaboration: Successes from the Colorado &amp; Ideas for the Future / Colaboración Ambiental Binacional: Éxitos en el río Colorado e ideas para el río Bravo</b></p> <p>Case Study Presentation: Binational Collaboration on the Colorado River,          Gabriela Caloca Michel, <i>Pronatura</i> and Jennifer Pitt, <i>Audubon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enrique Prunes, <i>Rio Grande/Bravo Manager and Freshwater Lead Specialist</i>, World Wildlife Fund</li> <li>○ Karen Mickey Chapman, <i>Coordinator</i>, Rio Grande Joint Venture</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Sally Spener, <i>Foreign Affairs Officer</i>, US Section, IBWC          Introduction: Abraham Tueme, <i>Director of Sustainability</i>, CCSWB</p>
11:15 AM	<p><b>Closing Remarks / Clausura</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sarah Schlessinger, <i>CEO</i>, TWF</li> <li>○ Commissioner Maria Elena Giner, <i>US Section</i>, IBWC</li> <li>○ Commissioner Adriana Resendez, <i>MX Section</i>, IBWC</li> <li>○ Commissioner Bobby Janecka, <i>TCEQ</i></li> </ul>
<p><i>Lunch break – on your own / Comida libre – por su cuenta –</i></p>	
1:00 PM	<p><b>Optional Field Trip / Recorrido de Campo</b>  <i>Local Irrigation Practices &amp; Anzalduas Dam / Prácticas locales de riego &amp; Presa Anzalduas</i></p>

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