



Good Neighbor Environmental Board

Hilton Garden Inn El Paso/University
111 W. University Ave.
El Paso, TX 79902

AGENDA

Thursday, May 8

8:00 a.m.

Registration

8:30-8:45

Welcome and Introductions

- **Ann-Marie Gantner**
Acting Designated Federal Officer
Office of Diversity, Advisory Committee Management and Outreach
- **Board introductions**
- **Diane Austin**
Chair
Good Neighbor Environmental Board
- **Tim Trevino**
Vice-Chair
Good Neighbor Environmental Board
- **Denise Benjamin-Sirmons**
Director
Office of Diversity, Advisory Committee Management and Outreach
- **Carlos Rincon**
Director
El Paso Border Office, Region 6

8:45-9:45

Ecoregions – standards, metrics, and measures

1. Kevin Bixby, Southwest Environmental Center - overview of CEC framework
2. Keith Pezzoli, University of San Diego at San Diego - urban ecological restoration
3. Greg Eckert, National Parks Service - Big Bend National Park

9:45-9:55

Break

- 9:55-10:55 **Waterways**
1. John Sproul, Park Manager - Rio Bosque Wetlands Restorations Park
 2. Francisco Zamora, Sonoran Institute - Colorado River Region and Santa Cruz
 3. Elizabeth Verdecchia, IBWC, U.S. Section – Rio Grande Canalization Project
- 10:55-11:05 **Break**
- 11:05 – 12:15 **Partnerships and Coordination with Federal Agencies**
1. Genevieve Johnson, Bureau of Reclamation - Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (via phone)
 2. Robert Jess, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - US Wildlife Refuges in SE Texas
 3. Sherry Barrett, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Program (via phone)
- 12:15-12:30 **Public Comments**
- 12:30-1:30 **Lunch**
- 1:30-6:00 **Work on draft of 16th Report**
- Update from workgroup chairs
 - Logistics for preparing report
 - Plenary discussion of timeline and report
 - Individual workgroup breakout
- 6:00 **Adjourn**

Meeting Day 2

Friday, May 9

- 8:00-9:30 **Discussion of Next Meetings and Other Business**
- 9:30-9:45 **Public Comments**
- 9:45-2:00 **Work on draft of 16th Report**
- 2:00 **Adjourn**