



Fifth Legislative Forum  
Saltillo, Coahuila  
August 28-30, 2003

**AGENDA**

Thursday, August 28

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      Arrival and registration  
*Quinta Dorada Hotel & Suites*  
*Blvd. Luis Echeveria, 1416 Ote.*  
*Saltillo, Coahuila, C.P. 25280*  
*Tel: (52) (844) 416-4949 Fax: (52) (844) 416-6787*  
[www.quintadorada.com.mx/espanol/espanol.html](http://www.quintadorada.com.mx/espanol/espanol.html)
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.      Social hour, Quinta Dorada Hotel & Suites (*adjacent to pool*)
- 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.      Transportation from Quinta Dorada Hotel to Museum of the Desert
- 7:00 – 8:00      Visit and tour of the Museum of the Desert  
*Prolongación Pérez Treviño 3745*  
*Las Maravillas Park*  
*Saltillo, Coahuila, México*
- 8:00 – 10:00      Welcome reception and dinner at the Museum of the Desert  
Hosted by Lic. Enrique Martínez y Martínez  
Constitutional Governor of the State of Coahuila
- 8:15 – 8:45 p.m.      Welcome remarks
- Diputado Abraham Cepeda Izaguirre  
President of the Legislature of the State of Coahuila
- Jeff Wentworth  
Chair, Border Legislative Conference  
Senator of the State of Texas
- Ricardo Arturo Castro López  
Vice Chair, Border Legislative Conference  
Diputado of the State of Chihuahua
- Lic. Enrique Martínez y Martínez  
Constitutional Governor of the State of Coahuila

Friday, August 29

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast  
*Quinta Dorada Hotel & Suites Garden*
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Transportation from Quinta Dorada Hotel & Suites to  
Convention Center Villa Ferre  
*Blvd. Venustiano Carranza No. 8520*  
*Saltillo, Coahuila, México*
- 9:00 a.m. Commencement of forum: introductions and expectations
- Jeff Wentworth  
Chair, Border Legislative Conference  
Senator of the State of Texas
- Ricardo Arturo Castro López  
Vice Chair, Border Legislative Conference  
Diputado of the State of Chihuahua
- Evaristo Lenin Perez Rivera  
Coordinator of the Border Affairs Committee  
Diputado of the State of Coahuila
- 9:15 a.m. Consent Calendar
- Approval of BLC April 2003 forum minutes
  - Program Manager's Report
  - Joint Declarations of the Border Governors Conference, 2003
- 9:25 a.m. The environment along the U.S.-Mexico border: Border 2012  
Environmental Program
- Mtro. Omar Rodriguez Alarcon  
Director of Northern Border Affairs  
Mexico's Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources  
Mexico City
  - Carlos Rivera  
Director, El Paso Border Office  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 10:35 a.m. Open discussion on the topic of the environment and the Border 2012  
Environmental Program

Friday, August 29 (continued)

- 12:00 p.m.                      Agreements on next steps on environmental issues and the Border 2012 Environmental Program
- 12:15 p.m.                      Urban development and infrastructure along the U.S.-Mexico Border
- Claudio Bres Garza (*Invited*)  
Mayor of the City of Piedras Negras, Coahuila
  - Gary Gallegos, Executive Director  
San Diego Association of Governments
  - Raul Rodriguez, Managing Director  
North American Development Bank (NADBank)
  - Carlos Gadsden Carrasco, Director  
National Institute for Federalism and Municipal Development  
Mexico City
- 1:15 p.m.                      Open discussion on topic of urban development and infrastructure
- Perspectives, challenges and possible actions
- 2:15 p.m.                      Agreements on next steps on topic of urban development and infrastructure
- 2:30 p.m.                      Lunch – *Convention Center Villa Ferre*
- 4:00 p.m.                      Update on topic of Migration
- Staff update on BLC Migration Resolution
  - Special Guest:  
John A. Ritchie  
Consul General of the United States in Monterrey
- 4:30 p.m.                      Other topics
- Identify topics and venue for next forum
  - Identify focus and sites of regional forums
- 4:45 p.m.                      Final agreements
- Final comments by Chair and Vice Chair
- 5:00 p.m.                      Adjourn
- 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.              Dinner at La Canasta Restaurant  
Hosted by Lic. Humberto Moreira Valdés  
Mayor of the City of Saltillo, Coahuila  
(Transportation to the dinner will be available from the lobby of the *Qunita Dorada Hotel & Suite* at approximately 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, August 30

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| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Optional activities: Tour of the City of Saltillo<br><i>State Government Palace and Historic Center</i> |
| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | Departure of participants   |