



## **BORDER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE** 17<sup>TH</sup> Legislative Forum

Saltillo, Coahuila  
April 10-12, 2008

### **AGENDA**

Thursday, April 10

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Arrival and registration  
*Hotel: Quinta Real Saltillo*  
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5:30 p.m.

Preliminary Press Conference  
*Participants: Diputado Horacio del Bosque, President of the Coahuila Legislature; Senator Eliot Shapleigh, Chair of the Border Legislative Conference; Diputado Francisco Javier Cantu Torres, Vice Chair of the Border Legislative Conference*  
***Location: Hotel Quinta Real***

8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Reception and welcoming dinner  
Hosted by the Coahuila State Legislature  
***Location: Hotel Quinta Real***

Friday, April 11

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast  
*Location: Hotel Quinta Real y American Suites*
- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Transportation from Hotel to Museum of Dessert
- 8:30 a.m. Commencement of forum: Introductions and Expectations  
*Location: Museum of Dessert*
- Fernando de las Fuentes  
Mayor of the City of Saltillo
- Senator Eliot Shapleigh  
Chair, Border Legislative Conference  
Texas State Senate
- Diputado Francisco Javier Cantu Torres  
Vice Chair, Border Legislative Conference  
Nuevo Leon State Legislature
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome
- Diputado Horacio del Bosque Dávila  
President of the Coahuila State Legislature
- Humberto Moreira Valdés  
Constitutional Governor of the State of Coahuila
- 9:00 a.m. BLC Report: Summary of activities; Presentation of BLC 2008 Action Plan; and Organizational Framework to promote legislative action
- Officers of the BLC
- 9:30 a.m. Binational Water Management
- Dr. Anne Browning-Aiken  
Senior Researcher and Program Manager  
Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy and Sustainability of Semi-Arid Hydrology and Riparian Areas (SAHRA)  
University of Arizona
  - Jorge C. Garces  
General Director  
North American Development Bank

Friday, April 11 (continued)

- Jose Arturo Herrera Solis  
Commissioner, Mexico Section  
International Boundary and Commission (IBWC)
- 10:30 a.m. Open discussion regarding water management
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:10 a.m. Immigration/Migration and the U.S. – Mexico Relationship
- Cecilia Romero Castillo  
Commissioner  
National Migration Institute of Mexico
  - Bruce Williamson  
Consul General of the U.S. in Monterrey  
Monterrey, Nuevo Leon
- 12:10 a.m. Open discussion regarding immigration and U.S. – Mexico relationship
- 12:45 p.m. State Legislative-Executive Branch Coordination: Border Governors Conference
- Carlos Tercero Romero  
Director of Regional Economic Integration  
State of Nuevo León
- 2:00 p.m. Lunch provided by the Autonomous University of Coahuila  
*Location: Desert Museum*
- 3:30 p.m. Border Crossings and Trade
- Chad Foster  
Mayor of the City of Eagle Pass, Texas
  - Jose San Martin Romero  
General Director of Highway Development  
Mexico's Ministry of Communications and Transportation
  - Jose Francisco Lopez Molina  
Director of Corporate Planning and Railway Development  
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Friday, April 11 (continued)

- 4:30 p.m. Open discussion regarding border crossings
- Identification of actions
- 5:00 p.m. Introduction to topic of Agriculture
- Dr. Enrique Sánchez Cruz  
Managing Director of the National Service for Health, Food Safety and Quality (SENASICA)  
Mexico's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries, and Nutrition
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn for Day – return to Hotel Quinta Real
- 6:45 p.m. *Meet at lobby of Hotel Quinta Real for transportation to tour and dinner*
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Tour of Saltillo's Historic Center by the Coahuila Ministry of Tourism
- 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. Dinner ICOCULT  
Offered by the Coahuila State Legislature; Lic. Fernando de las Fuentes, Mayor of the City of Saltillo; and Prof. Humberto Moreira Valdés, Governor of the State of Coahuila

Saturday, April 12

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Buffet breakfast  
Location: Hotel Quinta Real
- 8:00 a.m. Transportation to Museum of Desert
- 8:30 – 10:15 a.m. Agriculture
- Dr. Jorge Galo Medina Torres  
President, Autonomous Agriculture University Antonio Narro  
Saltillo, Coahuila
  - Dr. John George  
Research Lab Director  
Knipling-Bushland U.S. Livestock Research Laboratory  
Kerrville, Texas
- 10:15 a.m. Open discussion on Topic of Agriculture
- 10:45 a.m. Other issues
- BLC Committee appointments
  - Identification of issues and location of next meeting
- 11:15 a.m. Final agreements
- Final comments by chair and vice chair
- 11:30 a.m. Adjourn
- 12:00 p.m. \*Press conference: results and actions (tentative)
- Afternoon Departure of meeting participants

*Optional Activities*

*12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Tour of the Museum of Birds y City of Saltillo  
(Lunch will be served at the Museum of the Desert).*

Sunday, April 13

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Departure of meeting participants