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**B.1 - LIST OF AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND
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December 1, 2000

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Attn: Ms. Sylvia A. Waggoner
Division Engineer

Re: Reconstruction of the American Canal Project - El Paso, Texas

Dear Ms. Waggoner:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 21, 2000 in which you transmitted the draft Finding of No Significant Impact and draft Environmental Assessment for the above-referenced project.

Enclosed herewith, please find a copy of the Consultation Policy which has been formally adopted by the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo.

Please contact me so that we can discuss this matter and arrange a consultation schedule.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Truhill

RJT/mrc
Enclosure

cc: Dr. Adolph Greenberg, Ph.D.
Mr. Steve Fox, USIBWC

CONSULTATION POLICY

Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo

Preface: This document formalizes the existing procedures for consultation (government to government, or otherwise) between the Pueblo of Ysleta del Sur and the United States federal government including any and all agencies/offices/departments/bureaus therein. This policy statement reflects completely the procedures followed and adhered to by this federally recognized Indian tribe during previous consultations and therefore the procedures to be followed and adhered to in future consultations.

Consultation: Consultation is the formal, bilateral process of negotiation, cooperation and policy-level decision-making between two sovereign entities: the Tigua Tribe of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and the United States Government or its designate. Consultation, therefore, is a process that leads ultimately to a decision. Consultation is not just a process or a mean to an end. As such, it should not be viewed by others and is not viewed by the Pueblo of Ysleta del Sur as a mere formality during the stages of any project. Consultation is not notifying our Tribal Council that an action will occur, requesting written comments on the action or alternative actions, and then proceeding with the action or one of the a priori alternatives. Such authoritarian, top-down procedures do not constitute consultation because a decision is not affected bilaterally between two sovereign entities.

Consultation Objectives:

- 1) Assures that the Tribal Council and its designates understand fully the technical and legal issues, implications, and probable impacts involved in and resulting from an action or alternatives so that an informed policy-level decision can be made.
- 2) Improved policy-level decision-making of both the Tribal Council and the federal government.
- 3) Bilateral decision-making between and among sovereigns leading to co-managerial structure.
- 4) Protection of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo's cultural and natural resources, cultural tradition, economy and lifestyle.

- 5) Compliance with and respect for Tribal laws and Tribal integrity.
- 6) Full compliance with federal Indian law, federal statutes, and federal policy.
- 7) Develop and achieve mutual decisions through working relationships.
- 8) Improve the integrity and efficacy of decisions over time.
- 9) Recognition that the Tribe is both a stakeholder and regulator in projects that have potential or real impacts on tribal resources, culture, and lifestyle.

Consultation Procedures:

The consultation venue works or proceeds in much the same way that federal agencies typically operate. This means a series of technical meetings followed by a series of policy meetings. The technical meetings provide opportunities for consultation by and with the appropriate technical staff of both entities. The policy meetings provide opportunities for the resolution of those issues left unresolved at the technical level and for the resolution of those issues that are clearly policy grounded. The outcome of this procedure is the development of a common understanding of the technical and legal issues affecting or are affected by a decision. It is this common understanding in a democratized context that provides the basis for decision-making. The Tigua Tribal Council will address more cooperatively those issues with which they had been thoroughly consulted with prior to a decision.

Consultation requires that federal agencies and the Tribal Council fully understand their roles in the context of the federally-mandated government-to-government relationship and the responsibilities which devolve upon the federal government under the Trust doctrine. In this environment, both the Tribal Council and the federal agency will benefit from the perspectives each brings to the table. This means personal communication, which is one of the foundations for meaningful consultation. To make this process work, the following series of activities should guide consultation:

1. Federal agency contacts the Governor of the Pueblo of Ysleta del Sur to inform him of an impending project or to conduct an activity which may or may not impact a tribal resource or tribal concern.
2. The Governor, after meeting with the Tribal Council and/or its designates, responds back to the federal agency that this issue is or is not important. If it is important, the Governor will communicate to the federal agency that the Tribe will initiate consultation.
3. Consultation is initiated through technical staff meetings which will inform the respective staffs in a comprehensive way so that each can brief and/or make recommendations to their

respective policy level entities in an informed way.

4. After the technical staff has briefed the Tribal Council, the Council will define the consultation protocol it wishes to follow, which will typically entail additional technical and policy level meetings, research activities, and a final policy level meeting to make a decision. These are then transmitted in written form to the federal agency. The outcome here should be a memorandum of agreement to establish a working relationship between entities.

5. The consultation protocol is followed.

6. A decision couched in bilateral cooperation between the federal agency and the Tribal Council is formulated. This decision will be fully compliant with federal and tribal laws and policies. The decision will protect the resources to which the Tigua Tribe of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo has specific aboriginal and Spanish land grant reserved rights. The decision will protect the cultural tradition and the religious practices of the Tribe.

This consultation policy will insure that Tribal Council and the federal government have not only communicated but have developed mutual understanding and trust. Within this context, policy level decision-making can and must work.

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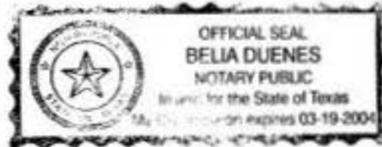
Before me, a Notary in and for El Paso County, State of Texas,
on this day personally, appeared **TERRIE CARTER** who states upon
oath that she is the **ASSISTANT CLASSIFIED MANAGER** of the **EL PASO**
TIMES, a daily newspaper published in the City and County
El Paso, State of Texas, which is a newspaper of general
circulation and which has been continuously and regularly published
for the period of not less than one year in the said County of
El Paso, and that he was such upon the **EL PASO TIMES**.

That the **LEGAL** copy was published in the **EL PASO TIMES**
for the dates of such publication being as follows,
1 DAY(s) to wit **12/02, 2000.**

Signed *Terrie A. Carter*

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this the **4TH** day of **DECEMBER, 2000**

Bela Duenes



NOTICE
United States Section, In-
ternational Boundary and
Water Commission
(USIBWC), United States
and Mexico's (Recon-
struction of the American
Canal Project), Located
in El Paso, Texas; Notice
of draft Finding of No
Significant Impact (FON-
SI) for a draft Environ-
mental Assessment
(EA).
The proposed project re-
habilitation and enlarge-
ment of the 1.98-mile-
long American Canal in-
volves demolishing the
deteriorating concrete
open channel segments
of the canal and replac-
ing them with reinforced
concrete-lined canal
segments. The improve-
ments are scheduled for
October 15, 2001 to Feb-
ruary 28, 2002. The pro-
ject is authorized under
the Rio Grande Ameri-
can Canal Extension Act
of 1990, Public Law
101-438, dated October
15, 1990. The draft FONSI
and draft EA are avail-
able for review and com-
ment at the reference
desk of The University of
Texas at El Paso Li-
brary and the El Paso
Main Library, 501 North
Oregon Street, and is on
the USIBWC Home Page
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ments on the draft EA
and Draft FONSI are due
to the USIBWC by De-
cember 29, 2000.

From: "Ray Mathews" <Ray.Mathews@twdb.state.tx.us>
To: <stevefox@ibwc.state.gov>
Date: 12/11/00 9:51AM
Subject: American Canal Project file

Mr. Fox, I am the TRACS Coordinator for the Texas Water Development Board, and I have tried to open the EA/FONSI for Reconstruction & Enlargement of the American Canal at your web site without success. Could you email me the file for this report, so that I can review it for my agency. Thank you,
Ray

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Re: Reconstruction and Enlargement of the American Canal, El Paso, Texas

Dear Ms. Waggoner,

Alternative 4 of the above proposed project, for which the environmental assessment finds no significant impact, is a reasonable alternative. The County of El Paso does not oppose the proposed "Open Channel Alternative" provided proper measures are taken to protect the citizens of El Paso from harm and loss of property. It should be noted, however, that the development of a River Park along the U.S. bank of the Rio Grande is in progress and measures need to be considered to prevent obstruction of the proposed pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian trails along this park.

The County of El Paso is coordinating the development of the River Park with Mr. Jim Stefanov, Chief Technical Planning, IBWC. Mr. Jesse Acosta, the County's Planning Coordinator and Mr. John Torres, Project leader for the River Park, will continue to be in contact with IBWC. If you need additional information please call Mr. Acosta or Mr. Torres at (915) 834-8242.

Sincerely yours,

Dolores Briones, County Judge
County of El Paso, Texas



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HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

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December 21, 2000

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C/o Steve Fox
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Re: Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
Draft FONSI and EA – Reconstruction and Enlargement of the American Canal Project,
El Paso, El Paso County
IBWC

Dear Mr. Fox,

Thank you for your correspondence describing the above referenced project. This letter serves as comment on the proposed undertaking from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The staff led by lead reviewer Lyman Labry of the Division of Architecture has reviewed the draft FONSI and EA for the American Canal Project in consultation with staff in our Archeology Division. We have no concerns regarding the proposed alternative No. 4 (the Open Channel Alternative) and hereby issue a determination of NO ADVERSE EFFECT.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Lyman Labry at 512/305-9109.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyman Labry".

Lyman Labry, Project Reviewer for Trans-Pecos Region
for
F. Lawrence Oaks, State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: FLO/LML
Myles Miller, Archeology Division

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Mr Steve Fox
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RE: Draft Fonsi and Draft EA
Reconstruction and Enlargement of American Canal
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Fox:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit the Department's comments on the referenced project. While we offer general consensus with the assessment made, the following concerns should be considered in the final analysis:

1. In previous meetings with the Rio Grande Task Force regarding the Rio Grande Riverpark project, it was agreed that sufficient levee accessibility should be maintained to allow a hike/bike trail to pass through the area. It had been commented that the IBWC would need to include a few closed conduit sections to provide space for the trail. The City and County are in the process of preparing additional grant applications to extend a trail from Anapra to the Downtown area. Construction on the funded portion of the trail between Country Club Road and Vinton will begin next year.
2. It is our understanding that the bridge to be removed is not the privately owned brick company bridge. At a future date, this bridge will require an in-depth review. Currently, this bridge provides the only direct access to Madero Park on the western bank of the Rio Grande River in New Mexico. Rehabilitation of Madero Park is underway and is proposed to be a historical node along the Riverpark trail. This bridge or another connection to both banks of the river will need to be retained.

The bridge to be removed is of historical merit. In addition to the drawings to be made, we would suggest that a marker with a drawing be placed as near to the site as possible. This location could become a stop on the Riverpark



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Mr. Steve Fox, USIBWC
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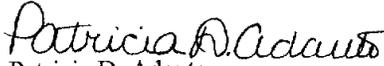
trail, and would be in keeping with the heritage corridor theme and be eligible for the historical marker program underway with participation from the El Paso Community Foundation. The marker should maintain the established style of the other markers underway as part of the program.

3. As the design and construction plans are developed, coordination with the Rio Grande Taskforce should be ongoing. Jim Stefanov of the IBWC local office serves as Vice-Chair and can provide the necessary coordination between the two organizations.

Should you have any questions on these comments, please contact Rosemary Staley, Chief Urban Planner/Long Range Division, at (915) 541-4718. I look forward to our continued coordination on this project.

Sincerely,

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING,
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No Comment

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Attention: Steve Fox

**Re: Comments of the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo on the Draft Fonsi and Draft EA
Reconstruction & Enlargement of American Canal
El Paso, Texas**

Dear Mr. Fox:

This firm represents the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, and these comments on the Draft EA on the reconstruction and enlargement of the American Canal dated October 19, 2000 are written on its behalf.

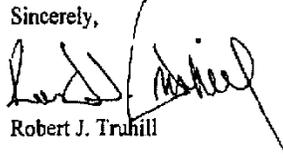
The Pueblo specifically notes the statements and conclusions set forth under Section 4.6 of the Draft EA where in it is stated that "Any historical or culturally important sites dating before 1937 are considered to have been destroyed either by annual flooding of the Rio Grande floodplain prior to construction of Elephant Butte Dam, or by construction activities of the American Canal". The Pueblo contends that the proposed reconstruction and enlargement project is the latest in a continuing pattern of federal projects involving the Rio Grande River which have changed the historic conditions of the River and have adversely affected the Pueblo's ability to perform religious ceremonies associated with the River.

The Pueblo has previously filed suit against the International Boundary and Water Commission in this respect. A copy of the Original Complaint is enclosed herewith. The EA should be revised to reflect the Pueblo's contention.

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Finally, the Pueblo objects to any final decision on this or any other project which would deny the Pueblo the right to exercise its First Amendment Rights in connection with the River.

Sincerely,

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Robert J. Truhill

RJT/mrc
Enclosure

cc: Governor Albert Alvidrez
Lt. Governor Filbert Candelaria
Dr. Adolph Greenberg, Ph.D.

the cessation of in stream flows has created environmental degradation and impaired the constitutional rights of an American Indian Tribe and its people. Further, this case examines whether the USIBWC has followed the statutory mandate under NEPA to consult with the Pueblo regarding the proposed actions.

JURISDICTION

2. This action arises under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended in 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq., and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act at 42 U.S.C. §1996. This Court has jurisdiction of this action under 28 U.S.C. §1331 and 28 U.S.C. §1361, and may issue a declaratory judgment and further relief under 28 U.S.C. §§2201 and 2202.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo is a federally recognized Indian Tribe. See 25 U.S.C. §1300g et seq. Its tribal lands are located within El Paso County, Texas..

4. Plaintiff Rick Quesada is an individual who resides in El Paso County, Texas and is an enrolled member of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo. Mr. Quesada is the War Captain, a spiritual leader of the Pueblo.

5. Defendant Douglas Echlin is an Environmental Protection Specialist of the Environmental Management Division of the USIBWC. Mr. Echlin is the acting director for comments pertaining to the environmental impact study being conducted by the USIBWC for the proposed El Paso-Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project. Mr. Echlin may be served with service of process by serving him at 4171 North Mesa Street, Suite C-310, El Paso, Texas 79902.

6. The USIBWC is a federal agency acting through its United States Commissioner, John M. Bernal (see 22 U.S.C. §277 et seq.), and has received federal funding in connection with the El

Paso-Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project. The USIBWC may be served by serving its United States Commissioner, John M. Bernal at 4171 N. Mesa Street, Suite C-310, El Paso, Texas 79902.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

7. The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo is an aboriginal American Indian tribe. It arrived in El Paso in 1680 in the aftermath of a Pueblo revolt and settled in its present location in El Paso County in 1682. It established an extensive aboriginal territory under Spanish law and also received the Ysleta Grant from Governor Cachupin in 1751 in recognition of its rights under Spanish law to a Pueblo League. The Spanish Grant was recognized by the Mexican government and the State of Texas and is that part of El Paso County lying in the El Paso Valley Flood Plain between the Ascarate Grant and the Socorro Grant. The Pueblo developed an extensive irrigation system, parts of which are still in use today, and cultivated the Grant area with a variety of crops. The Pueblo's irrigation rights and right to use of the river predate the Elephant Butte Project and the formation of the United States of America. The Grant title under Spanish law was a communal title and not subject to alienation. The Pueblo's legal rights were protected by the Spanish authorities and this protection continued under Mexican jurisdiction. With the advent of the American period in 1848 attempts were made to subvert the Indian title into private non-Indian titles. This culminated with the incorporation of Ysleta in 1871 which was formed for the purpose of subverting Indian titles in contravention of the Indian Non-Intercourse Act, 25 U.S.C. § 177, and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 9 Stat. 922.

8. As a result of the incorporation of Ysleta in 1871, the Pueblo lost physical possession of its lands and its members became laborers on lands that were unlawfully possessed by others. The United States of America has never terminated the Pueblo's aboriginal title or its recognized title in

the Ysleta Grant. In common with the other pueblo tribes of the southwest, this Pueblo has extensive religious association with the Rio Grande River and in spite of its loss of physical possession of its holdings, members of the Pueblo continue to visit the river and make use of its water in connection with religious ceremonies. The USIBWC has proposed alternative uses of the river in the El Paso - Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project which will permanently deplete the flows in the river at the sacred locations that the Indians rely upon to cleanse and renew the tribe on an annual basis. See affidavit of Rick Quesada in the Appendix accompanying the Motion for Preliminary Injunction. The tribe's property interests and religious use of the river and its waters arise under the First and Fifth Amendments to the U. S. Constitution.

9. The USIBWC proposed alternatives will create a permanent condition where *continued diversion of water from the river will result in a stagnant non-flowing series of pools, if that, below the Zaragoza bridge in a polluted state.* These conditions are unsuitable for the religious practices vital to the tribe's heritage and tradition. In the past, the Tribe has been able to obtain river flows for its religious purposes. The United States has never terminated the Pueblo's rights to the use of the river. Under the proposed alternatives, no consideration has been given to the Pueblo, and no alternatives have been considered which provide for in-stream flows. These alternatives present a constitutional denial of the Tribe's religious use of the river and create a health hazard and an environmental nuisance.

10. The USIBWC has failed and refused to consult with the tribe as required by the National Environmental Policy Act in preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that

impacts the Pueblo's rights by failing to address in-stream flows. Further there is no authority for the

USIBWC to expend public funds on a project which has not been authorized by Congress.

FACTUAL BASIS

11. On or about April 7, 2000, the USIBWC, acting as lead agency for the El Paso- Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project, issued a draft environmental impact statement (hereinafter "DEIS") relating to the proposed regional water plan. The proposed project involves major federal action which requires the preparation of the DEIS. The goal of the project is to develop a high quality sustainable drinking water supply for the El Paso-Las Cruces region through the year 2030. The USIBWC is acting as the lead agency in preparation of the DEIS, and is the designated federal agency for NEPA compliance. Substantial federal funds have been used in preparation of the DEIS. The USIBWC is acting in concert with other cooperating federal agencies including the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Department of the Army.

12. The Rio Grande is a sacred place for the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and its people. The Pueblo has been conducting religious ceremonies and collecting materials for religious purposes at its sacred sites on the Rio Grande since 1682. The spiritual activity area of the Pueblo encompasses a reach of the Rio Grande extending upstream from the Zaragoza crossing approximately five-eighths of a mile and continuing downstream ending at the eastern boundary of the Ysleta Grant. These religious practices require a sufficient water quantity to allow submersion, and a sufficient in stream flow to carry various religious materials downstream. In the absence of the required flows, the

Pueblo will not be able to perform its religious activities.

13. Plaintiffs have a constitutional interest in their freedom to exercise their religious practices at the river as they have done since the inception of the United States.

14. The United States has a trust responsibility to the Pueblo to protect the rights of the Pueblo. The Pueblo has a grant and an aboriginal claim to the lands which are specifically and adversely affected by the proposed actions. The Pueblo irrigated and used lands affected by the proposed action since the late 1600's. Many of the irrigation ditches or "acequias" which are still in use were originally built by the Pueblo.

15. The United States has a trust responsibility to protect and maintain rights reserved by or granted to American Indians through treaties and federal statutes. The Pueblo's rights are protected by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

16. Despite its legal obligations, USBWC refused and continues to refuse to consider restoration of in-stream flows and to consult with the Pueblo.

17. As a result of the foregoing failure of consultation, the DEIS is based upon incorrect and insufficient data, especially concerning in-stream flows. For example, the DEIS provides that "no Indian trust asset issues were identified at the project's public scope meetings which were held in September 1998", and that "[t]he project would not significantly change the historic condition of the Rio Grande downstream of the Riverside Dam in El Paso and south of Zaragoza crossing, or the ability of the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo to perform religious ceremonies associated with the river at this location". The Rio Grande historically has had in-stream flows which were used by the Pueblo for more than 300 years. The DEIS gives no consideration to any alternatives that would provide for in-stream flows, but rather treats recent diversions of flows as historical. The proposals will adversely

affect the Plaintiffs' historical use of the river.

18. Further delay in bringing this action has been rendered impractical by the response of Defendants to Plaintiff's demand for consultation. USIBWC has indicated in correspondence that it has no intention of consulting with the Pueblo. See affidavit of Robert J. Truhill in the appendix accompanying the Motion for Preliminary Injunction. If forced to wait for the EIS to be issued, Plaintiffs injuries will only be magnified. The NEPA statute contemplates consultation. All attempts at consultation or to even establish a protocol for consultation have been futile. Due to the lack of consultation, the scope of alternatives considered are unduly limited and does not include restoration of in-stream flows. A post hoc review is not meaningful consultation and not in conformity with the NEPA mandate.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the USIBWC and Douglas Echlin be cited to appear, and that after notice and hearing, that the Plaintiffs recover the following:

1. A preliminary injunction prohibiting the issuance of an EIS in connection with the El Paso-Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project or any other action in furtherance of the project until such time as there has been full consultation with the Pueblo and consideration of the issues identified herein;
2. A permanent injunction prohibiting the issuance of an EIS in connection with the El Paso-Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project or any other action in furtherance of the project in the absence of full consultation with the Pueblo and consideration of the issues identified herein;
3. In the alternative, the Court issue an order compelling Defendants to engage in

meaningful consultation with the Pueblo and to consider the issues identified herein;

4. Costs;
5. Such other relief either at law or in equity to which Plaintiffs may show themselves justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the forgoing Original Complaint for Injunctive Relief and Summons was sent via certified mail in accordance with Rule 4(i), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to the following persons on the 11th day of July, 2000: James Blagg, United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, Attn: Civil Process Clerk, 601 NW Loop 410, Suite 600, San Antonio, Texas 78216, and Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice Building, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Room 5111, Washington, D.C. 20530; I also hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the forgoing Original Complaint for Injunctive Relief and Summons was personally served and sent via certified mail in accordance with Rule 4(i), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to the following persons on the 11th day of July, 2000 Doug Echlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Division, United States International Boundary and Water Commission, 4171 N. Mesa Street, Suite C-310, El Paso, Texas 79902, and John M. Bernal, United States Commissioner, United States International Boundary and Water Commission, 4171 N. Mesa Street, Suite C-310, El Paso, Texas 79902.

/s/

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Antonio D. Flores

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Cc: Edward Drusina
Subject: Draf: FONSI and Draft EA Reconstruction and Enlargement of American Canal

Steve,

The City of El Paso Department of Public Works offers the following comments on subject:

1. The canal adjacent to West Palsano Drive should be covered in its entirety due to the recent large number of automobile fatalities in this area.
2. IBWC should further study this portion of the canal alignment to address the safety concerns of Mexico and U.S. residents.
3. Laredo and Nuevo Laredo border area has a wide and beautiful river separating both cities. Why can't El Paso have something similar and still address economic and environmental considerations?

Sincerely,

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Subject: RECONSTRUCTION & ENLARGEMENT OF THE AMERICAN CANAL AT EL PASO, TX.

Steve,

This is as per Sylvia A. Waggoner's letter dated November 21, 2000 with attached draft copy of the Environmental Assessment for the Reconstruction of the American Canal Project at El Paso, Tx. Following are issues that need to be considered when designing this project.

The area the BNSF Railroad would be concerned with can be referred to as between Railroad M.P. 1153 and M.P. 1154 on the southside of the ASARCO PLant. If and when a plan is agreed upon we would be concerned with the proposed reconstruction and/or enlargement project and its close proximity to our main track. No matter which alternative is taken the project will intersect the live load influence area due the location of the existing canal. The plans for the proposed project will have to be designed to resist railroad live loads. This should also include the design of any temporary shoring and retaining walls.

Anyone working on BNSF Property will have to take a BNSF Safety Orientation Course via the internet, will have to wear the required personal protective equipment, will abide by all BNSF rules and requirements, and will require track protection by a qualified BNSF employee.

If you have any questions please call me at (505)767-6847. Thanks

Sincerely,
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Dear Ms. Waggoner:

This is a response to your November 21, 2000 letter requesting that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provide comments on your Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Draft Environmental Assessment (EA): *Reconstruction and Enlargement of American Canal, El Paso, Texas*. We received certain segments of the Draft EA with your letter and downloaded the entire 393 page Draft EA from your website.

As indicated in your Draft EA in Appendix G2, we initially commented on this project in a brief letter to John Knopp of Encon International dated September 20, 1999. In that letter we concurred with your FONSI to federally listed or proposed threatened and endangered species and other resources for which we have the responsibility of protecting. Appendix G1 of your EA, entitled "Habitats, Wetlands, Endangered Species, Fish and Wildlife Report", provided information on the population of cliff swallows that utilize airspace above the American Canal and the Rio Grande for foraging and structures associated with the canal for nest sites. We understand that some of the structures upon which the swallows currently build their nests would be disturbed or destroyed during your proposed canal reconstruction and enlargement. We understand that structures will be available as nest sites for the swallows when the proposed project is completed.

In order to avoid harm to nesting cliff swallows (and barn swallows if they also nest on your structures) and avoid a violation of The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (MBTA), we recommend that any destruction or disturbance to swallow nesting sites take place outside the breeding season, which generally extends from early March to late July in Texas. The MBTA prohibits persons to "pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, [or to] attempt to take, capture, or kill . . . any migratory bird included in the terms of this Convention . . . for the protection of migratory birds . . ." This Act provides protection for the swallows nesting on your canal structures, as they winter in southern South America and migrate to North America to nest every spring. It would be illegal to destroy those nests containing eggs or young birds, as those young birds would certainly be killed in the process. Also, attempting to move nests containing eggs or young would also be illegal under the Act, as parent birds would almost certainly abandon any

nests that had been moved, and their eggs or young would quickly perish. Prohibiting birds from returning to active nests resulting in death or injury to eggs or young in the nest would also constitute a violation of the MBTA.

If destruction or disturbance of swallow nesting sites must take place during the breeding season, then we recommend that you take measures before the breeding season to discourage swallow use of those canal structures that must be disturbed or destroyed. For example, swallows could be discouraged from nesting on certain structures by removing old nests *before the breeding season*. Loosely hung cloth could be attached to structures to cover potential nest attachment sites, or a substance, such as petroleum jelly or grease could be applied to potential nest sites to persuade the swallows to select different nest sites.

If, by some accident, swallows build new nests or reoccupy old nests that were inadvertently not removed from the previous season on structures that must be disturbed or destroyed during the breeding season, then please contact us for further guidance on how to proceed with your project.

Again, we thank you for your concern for threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, and other natural resources, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on your Draft EA. We wish you luck with your canal reconstruction and enlargement project. If we can be of further assistance or if you have questions about these comments, please contact Ray Brown of our staff at (512) 490-0057, extension 243.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Seawell".

For
David C. Fredrick
Supervisor



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

Wednesday, January 10, 2001

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RE: TX-R-20001128-0001-50

Draft EA/FONSI: Reconstruction & Enlargement of American Canal, El Paso

Dear Mr. Fox:

Your application for assistance referenced above has been reviewed. No substantive comments were received.

We appreciate the opportunity afforded to review your proposal. Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise S. Francis".

Denise S. Francis, State Single Point of Contact
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cc: International Boundary and Water Commission



January 12, 2001

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RE: Reconstruction and Enlargement of American Canal, El Paso County

Dear Ms. Waggoner:

Thank you for coordinating with this agency in your planning activities regarding the reconstruction and enlargement of the American Canal in El Paso. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) and offer the following comments regarding this project.

The project entails demolishing approximately two miles of deteriorating concrete open channel segments of the canal and replacing them with reinforced concrete-lined canal segments. Activities associated with the project include increasing the canal capacity to 1535 cubic feet per second, demolition of existing canal structures and open channel concrete lining, reconstructing and enlarging the 400-foot open channel segment immediately downstream from the headgates and the 100-foot open channel segment upstream from the gaging station, installing fences along the canal, installing safety equipment to reduce canal drownings, and removing the Smelter Bridge and the abutments of Hart's Mill Bridge.

Soil erosion and siltation into nearby aquatic and wetland habitats should be minimized using hay bales, silt fence, or similar soil erosion prevention techniques. Hay bales should be certified weed-free or comprised of locally grown hay or straw in order to prevent the introduction of exotic and invasive plant species. In order to enhance the stabilization of exposed soils, newly graded areas should be seeded or sodded with native grasses. Removal of large trees and native vegetation should be avoided.

Because activities entail improvements to existing structures, adverse impacts to fish and wildlife resources should be minimal.

I appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on this project.

Sincerely,

Danny Allen
Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program
Wildlife Division

cc: Melissa Parker (Resource Protection)

DLA:pmo.8279

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Attention: Mr. Steve Fox

Re: **Comments of the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo on the Draft FONSI and Draft EA
Reconstruction & Enlargement of American Canal - El Paso, Texas**

Dear Mr. Fox:

This will acknowledge receipt of your e-mail dated October 19, 2001 in which you transmitted 2 proposed paragraphs which would be inserted into the EA/FONSI for the above-referenced project.

The proposed language makes reference to archaeological sites or historical structures and ignores the Tribe's ethnographically documented spiritual connection to the river. Enclosed herewith, please find a copy of the "Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo and The Rio Grande, An Ethnographic Assessment of Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo's Relationship with the Rio Grande" by Adolph M. Greenberg, Ph.D., the Pueblo's ethnographer. Dr. Greenberg's study is transmitted to the IBWC under the condition that it is for the agency's internal review and is not authorized for publication or dissemination to the public and is strictly confidential.

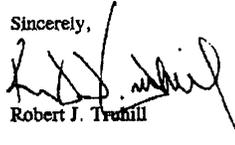
The Pueblo requests that this letter, **without Dr. Greenberg's study**, be appended to the EA.

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Upon receipt of this correspondence please contact this office so that we can discuss the Pueblo's request.

Sincerely,



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