



Lower Rio Grande Citizens' Forum

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Morillo Drain

- El Morillo Drain Diversion Canal was built to resolve the salinity problem that occurred in the Rio Grande.
- Construction of El Morillo Drain Canal began in 1967, concluded on June 30, 1969, and on July 15, 1969 El Morillo began diverting water.





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- In 2007, a reach of the Morillo Canal was encased in pipe..
- In March 2009, the Lower Rio Grande Water Committee transferred their responsibility of operation and maintenance costs to the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA).
- On March 9, an infrastructure assessment was conducted of El Morillo.
- Upcoming Improvements to El Morillo include:
 - Maintain access roads for certain reaches by the unlined and concrete-lined channel.
 - Replace four pump outlets at Morillo Pumping Station.
 - Remove silt and debris from siphon and install trash rack at entrance of the Rosita Siphon.
 - Pipe Encasement continuation of 170 meters funded by Mexico.

