

**International Boundary and Water Commission
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**Rio Grande Canalization Project Collaborative
and
Rio Grande Flood Control Projects PEIS**



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Rio Grande Canalization Collaborative Project

Background

- Rio Grande Canalization Project Final EIS issued July 9, 2004
- Record of Decision on hold pending further stakeholder input and technical evaluations



Rio Grande Canalization Collaborative Project

Corps of Engineers

- Conduct Studies and Coordinate Stakeholder Input via Workshops
- Hydraulic evaluation of Potential Restoration Sites – FLO-2D Model

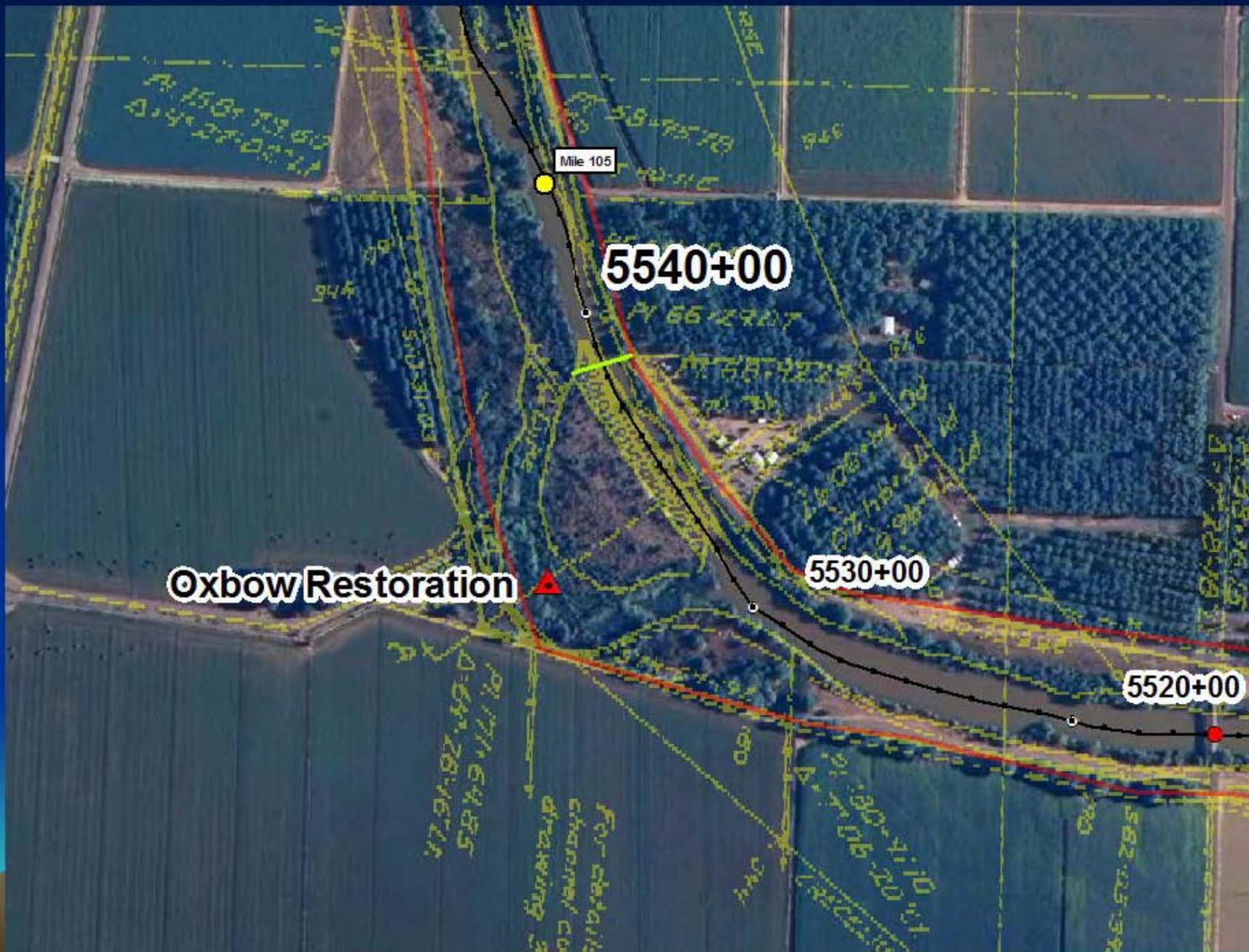


Rio Grande Canalization Collaborative Project

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- ~20 sites have been identified
- Currently defining target habitats and project footprint
- Developing Restoration prescriptions (cost, excavation, quantities)
- Draft Restoration Plan – 3rd Stakeholder Meeting





Canalization EIS Status

- Issuance of Record of Decision (no later than August 2009)
- Complete Collaborative Study
- Formalize EBID -Water-Rights Safeguards
 - Water based Safe Harbor Agreement
 - Identify willing landowners and potential water rights





Flood Control Projects Programmatic EIS

- Rio Grande Flood Control Projects
 - Rectification Project – El Paso to Fort Quitman
 - Presidio-Ojinaga Project
 - Lower Rio Grande Project – from Peñitas to the Gulf of Mexico
- Tijuana River Flood Control Project (San Diego, California) separate PEIS document



Flood Control Projects Programmatic EIS

- PEIS evaluated 3 Action Alternatives
 - Enhanced Operation and Maintenance
 - Integrated Water Resources Management
 - Multipurpose Project Management
- Evaluated maintenance improvements
- Mandate for flood protection, boundary stabilization, and water deliveries



Flood Control Projects Programmatic EIS

- Final Programmatic EIS issued January 2008
- Record of Decision signed February 2008
- Multipurpose Project Management Alternative Selected
- Goals: Improve water-use, water quality, multi-purpose use of projects for recreational and environmental improvements