

# **Anzalduas Dam State of Texas unauthorized infrastructure Fact Sheet**

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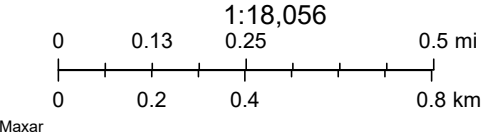
- Single row concertina wire placed on USIBWC RoW for approx. 870 feet
- Property is fee simple to the USIBWC
- Concertina wire is placed half on the USIBWC RoW and Half on private land
- Concertina is placed within flood plain (South of main floodway)
- Starts at [26.137323, -98.333648](#) and ends at [26.134992, -98.332643](#)
- Permit required because assets on USIBWC property
- Hydraulic modeling required because in floodplain

# Anzalduas State of Texas Encroachment



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Lines		Real Property EOF - Calculated LRGV	
<span style="color: red;">—</span>	Override 1	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px;"></span> Floodway	<span style="background-color: #FFDAB9; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px;"></span> Other
<span style="color: yellow;">—</span>	Override 2	<span style="background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px;"></span> Levee	<span style="background-color: #FFDAB9; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px;"></span> Revetment



888-H  
Anzalduas Dam



December 8, 1960

Dear Father Gody:

I have recently returned from a visit to my office in McAllen, Texas, and the Anzaldúas Dam. While talking with our chief gate tender at the dam, I learned that numerous individuals have requested permission to use the levee which is located on property deeded to Cameron County by your Society in connection with the construction of the Anzaldúas Dam and Dike. Under the terms of the Warranty Deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to Cameron County, Texas, dated April 27, 1954, no part of the property acquired from your Society may be used "as a public recreational area as long as Grantor shall maintain its Novitiate on its present property, without the consent of the Grantor in writing".

My purpose in writing to you is to ask whether in view of the remoteness of the buildings used by your Society and the relatively small area which the general public would like to use for recreational purposes, you would consider modifying the deed to Cameron County to remove the above-referenced restriction in the deed. For your possible use in considering this request I am enclosing a copy of a map which shows the location of your buildings as well as the area which the general public would like to use.

This matter has also been brought up by the City Manager of Mission, Texas, as well as a number of individuals; however, I am not informing them of my inquiry of you until I receive a reply to this letter.

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The Reverend

Thomas A. Gody, O.M.I.,

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate,

The Provincial House,

P. O. Box 8038,

San Antonio 12, Texas.



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I trust it will be possible for you to comply with my request.

Sincerely yours,

L. H. Hewitt  
Commissioner

Enclosure:  
Copy of Drawing No. 15942.

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bcc - Realty Officer ✓

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For data on fencing ~~file~~ Temp. Wier

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Instrument dated 7-2-53

Does not apply to 888-H



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33-106-45-2

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July 11, 1955

Honorable John Foster Dulles  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

An examination has been made of the title data relating to 113.47 acres of land, more or less, Lower Rio Grand Flood Control Project, in Hidalgo County, Texas, over which land a perpetual right and easement are conveyed to the United States of America under the provisions of the Act approved August 19, 1935 (49 Stat. 660), by The County of Hidalgo Texas, by donation deed dated April 25, 1955, filed on April 26, 1955, and recorded among the land records of said County in Volume 828 of Deeds at page 96. The file number of this Department is 33-106-45-2.

The land is described in the aforesaid deed, which recites a consideration of \$1.00.

The certificate of title, dated May 20, 1955, was prepared by The Edward Abstract Company, and is satisfactory.

The certificate, recorded deed and accompanying data disclose valid title to the right and easement as described in the deed is vested in the United States of America, subject to the terms and conditions as particularly set out in the deed to the United States of America.

The certificate of title, deed and related papers are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Attorney General

Enclosure  
No. 67379

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COMMR  
SECY  
P. E. (S)  
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COUNSEL  
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## WARRANTY DEED FROM COUNTY TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT Cameron County, Texas, acting herein by and through its County Judge in pursuance of and hereunto duly authorized by resolution of the Commissioners' Court of said County, and the Acts of 1934, 43rd Legislature of Texas, Fourth Called Session, page 71, Chapter 29, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to it in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and the works projected by the United States of America on the Lower Rio Grande as authorized by the Act of the Seventy-fourth Congress, Public No. 286, approved August 19, 1935 (49 Stat. 660) and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, has GRANTED, SOLD, AND CONVEYED, and BY THESE PRESENTS DOES GRANT, SELL AND CONVEY unto the United States of America, and its assigns, all that certain lot, tract, piece, or parcel of land lying and being situated in Hidalgo County, Texas, out of and a part of Porciones 56 and 57, and more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

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12/16/54 W.F.H.

Being a tract of land containing 113.47 acres in Porciones 56 and 57, Hidalgo County, Texas, out of and a part of two tracts of land, one being a 466.5 acre tract conveyed to The Missionary Society of Oblate Fathers of Texas by deed from Guy S. Combs et al., Trustees, recorded in Volume 506, pages 449-451 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, and the other being the 300 Acre Reserve of the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas described in a deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to the Mission Land Improvement Company, recorded in Volume 3, pages 585-592 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, save and except a certain 2.78 acre tract described in a deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to S. A. Robertson, Trustee, recorded in Volume 30, pages 428-430 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, and the Granjeno Canal Right of Way conveyed to the United Irrigation Company by deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas, recorded in Volume 78, pages 59-60 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas. Said 113.47 acres being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Anzalduas Dam and Dike: Beginning at a point on the northeast line of said 466.5 acre tract, said point being South 30° 29' East, 204.9 feet from the northernmost corner of said 466.5 acre tract; thence along said northeast line, South 30° 29' East, 601.8 feet to a point which bears North 69° 10' 02" West, 6179.5 feet from IBC RP No. 19; thence South 55° 09' West, 4600.0 feet to the normal water surface of the Rio Grande on the United States side; thence with the meanders of said normal water surface, North 26° 49' West, 1040.9 feet, North 21° 04' West, 514.4 feet, North 11° 45' West, 638.4 feet and North 39° 55' East, 333.9 feet; thence South 79° 51' East, 2270.0 feet; thence North 55° 09' East, 2200.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 113.47 acres, more or less.

Subject, however, to the following reservations contained in Warranty Deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to the County of Cameron, Texas, dated April 27, 1954 and recorded in Volume 799, pages 198-201 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas:

1. Grantor reserves to itself, its successors and assigns the perpetual right and easement to cross the dike structure to be erected on said land with cattle and farm machinery and equipment.

2. Grantor reserves to itself, its successors and assigns all oil, gas, distillate, condensate, and sulphur, but there shall be no drilling or mining operations on said tract, any production to be by directional drilling outside of the boundaries of said tract only.

3. Said premises shall never be used as a public recreational area as long as Grantor shall maintain its Novitiate on its present property, without the consent of the Grantor in writing.

4. The property herein conveyed is acquired by Grantee for the purpose of constructing or causing to be constructed thereon what is commonly known as Anzalduas Dam and Dike. If same should not be completed within a period of ten (10) years from this date, then the premises herein conveyed shall, at the option of the Grantor, automatically revert back to and become the property of Grantor, its successors and assigns upon their tender to Grantee or the then owner thereof of the consideration paid for this conveyance, which is the sum of \$17,020.50.

5. If, after completion of the Anzalduas Dam and Dike aforesaid, same is ever abandoned and the use thereof discontinued, then in such event the title to the premises herein conveyed shall, at the option of Grantor, become the property of Grantor herein, its successors and assigns upon its tender to the then owner of said premises of the consideration for this conveyance, same being the agreed sum of \$17,020.50.

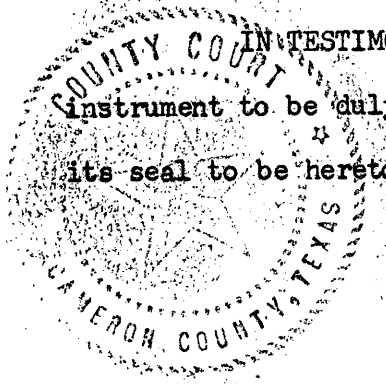
6. The conditions and provisions hereof may be enforced by



injunction or any other equitable means in the District Court or Courts of Hidalgo County, Texas.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging, unto the said United States of America, and its assigns forever. And Cameron County, Texas, does hereby bind itself and its successors to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the said premises unto the United States of America, and its assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Cameron County, Texas, has caused this instrument to be duly executed by its County Judge, as aforesaid, and its seal to be hereto affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1955.



Cameron County, Texas

BY *Oscar C. Dancy*  
County Judge

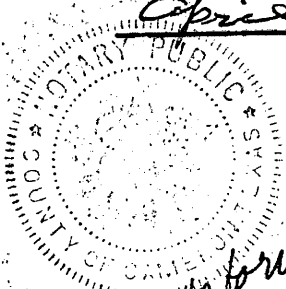
ATTEST:

*J. D. Seaga* County Clerk,  
Cameron County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CAMERON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Cameron County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Oscar C. Dancy, County Judge of Cameron County, Texas, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as the free act and deed of said county and for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1955.



*Barnett Reed*  
Notary Public in and for  
Cameron County, Texas

*approved as to form  
A.M.*

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

I, GEORGE L. ANDERSON, Clerk, County Court, Hidalgo County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing instrument, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1955 at 8:00 o'clock a. M., and duly recorded the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May A. D. 1955 at 9:34 o'clock a. M., in Vol. 828 Page 96-98 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

To Certify Which, Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Edinburg, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May A. D. 1955.  
By Rebecca Coddington Deputy

GEORGE L. ANDERSON, Clerk, County Court  
Hidalgo County, Texas

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At May 1955

Cameron County

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FILED FOR RECORD THIS DATE  
At 8:00 o'clock 5 M.

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Geo. L. ANDERSON  
County Clerk, Hidalgo County, Texas  
By Rebecca Coddington Deputy

17 LINDOY ROAD

City of Ed.

Cameron Co. St. Mary Apt.

Brownsville

77 Attn: Mrs. F. Reed -

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

FEE SIMPLE

NO. 888-H (Revised)

EDWARDS ABSTRACT COMPANY

EDINBURG, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM ON 888-H (Revised)

1. Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas conveyed this property to Cameron County, Texas by Deed dated April 27, 1954, filed for record in Vol. 799, Pg. 198, Deed Records, Hidalgo County, Texas.
2. Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 19 subordinated its rights to the rights of Cameron County and the United States of America by instrument dated May 24, 1954, recorded in Vol. 800, Pg. 95 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.
3. Nora C. McGehee, a widow, et al executed a subordination agreement as to the oil, gas and other minerals under this property to Cameron County, Texas, on December 3, 1954, which instrument is recorded in Vol. 816, Pg. 96 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.
4. The farm lease to Ralph Justice is outstanding and while a condemnation suit in Cause No. CL-1159 was filed in the County Court at Law, no action was ever taken on this, therefore this farm lease is still outstanding, but said lease expires by its terms on July 1, 1956.
5. Andrew D. Bowie made an affidavit to the effect that he had examined this property and that there were no public roads or canals situated on this tract of land. This instrument is recorded as Instrument No. 10016 in the office of the County Clerk of Hidalgo County, Texas.
6. W. F. Heath has made an affidavit to the effect that the pipeline easement formerly had on this property by Valley Pipe Line Company has been abandoned by Valley Pipe Line Company's successors Continental Pipe Line Company and that it did not actually run over the 113 acres involved in this matter in any event. In the same affidavit he stated that La Gloria Corporation had failed to comply with the terms of its easements over the property and that said easement was therefore forfeited. This affidavit was filed on June 3, 1955, as Instrument No. 10015 in the office of the County Clerk of Hidalgo County, Texas.



EDWARDS ABSTRACT COMPANY

Edinburg, Texas

NO. 888-H (Revised)

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

TO: The United States of America

The Edwards Abstract Company, a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, with its principal office in the City of Edinburg, hereby certifies that from its examination of the title to the real estate described in SCHEDULE A hereof, as of the 20th day of May, 1955, the title to the said described real estate was indefeasibly vested in fee simple of record in

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

subject to the objections, liens, charges, encumbrances and other matters shown under SCHEDULE B hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Company has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be duly signed in accordance with its by-laws.

EDWARDS ABSTRACT COMPANY

By

L. S. Edwards  
President

ATTEST:

By

J. L. Hoover  
Attorney.

EDWARDS ABSTRACT COMPANY

SCHEDULE "A"

Being the legal description of the real estate covered by this certificate.

The following described parcels of real estate.

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EDWARDS ABSTRACT COMPANY

SCHEDULE "B"

Being all of the estates, interests, equities, lawful claims, or demands, defects, or objections whatsoever to title, and all easements, restrictions, liens, assessments of whatever nature), or encumbrances; and all other matters whatsoever, affecting said premises, or the estate, right, title, or interest of the record owner which now do, or which may, exist of record; or which otherwise may be known actually to exist, but which may not be of record.

1. Taxes- No search has been made as to taxes assessed or levied against said property by any taxing authority under the laws of this State, and this Company makes no guaranty or representation with respect thereto.



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12/16/54

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6. The conditions and provisions hereof may be enforced by



injunction or any other equitable means in the District Court or Courts of Hidalgo County, Texas.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging, unto the said United States of America, and its assigns forever. And Cameron County, Texas, does hereby bind itself and its successors to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the said premises unto the United States of America, and its assigns, against every person whosoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Cameron County, Texas, has caused this instrument to be duly executed by its County Judge, as aforesaid, and its seal to be hereto affixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1955.

Cameron County, Texas

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
County Judge

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk,  
Cameron County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CAMERON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Cameron County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Oscar C. Dancy, County Judge of Cameron County, Texas, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as the free act and deed of said county and for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
A. D. 1955.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for  
Cameron County, Texas



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WARRANTY DEED FROM COUNTY TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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EDWARDS ABSTRACT COMPANY

SCHEDULE "C"

~~Being an easement on the land described in Schedule "A".~~

Being a Warranty Deed from Cameron County, Texas, to the United States of America, dated April 25, 1955, filed for record on April 26, 1955, and recorded in Volume 828, Pages 96 to 98, Deed Records, Hidalgo County, Texas.



LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT  
RIVER DAM RIGHT OF WAY

Harlingen, Texas  
December 27, 1954

In reply please refer to  
Right of Way File No. 30313-R-888 H (Revised)

SUBJECT: Memorandum giving details of nature and  
purpose of use of parcel of land for Anzalduas  
Dam and Dike.

(Request for Right of Way No. 888 H (Revised))

It is proposed to use said parcel of land containing 113.47 acres, described on attached sheet and accompanying sketch, for the purpose of erecting, constructing, maintaining and repairing a permanent reinforced concrete diversion dam across the Rio Grande and an earthen dike, extending from the end of the dam on the United States side of the river to the north-east line of the requested site. This will involve the construction of the following additional features.

- (1) A maintenance roadway on top of said dike.
- (2) Gates and cattle guards
- (3) Telephone lines
- (4) Fences along each side of the requested site
- (5) Minor structures
- (6) Road crossings (ramps)
- (7) Revetment along the river bank

It is desired to alter and repair the aforementioned structure and dike and the uses made and to be made thereon and maintain the same in perpetuity.

Inasmuch as the requested site will be used for the construction, operation and maintenance of a permanent structure of some magnitude it is believed that fee title will be required.

In view of the fact that acquisition of title to the requested site will cut the lands of the owner into two separate tracts it will be necessary to provide passage over and across the requested site for the owner's use so as to cause said owner no more inconvenience than is necessary.

  
A. J. Moore  
Project Engineer

LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT  
PRESENT USE OF RIVER DAM SITE

Harlingen, Texas  
October 22, 1952

Please refer to  
Right of Way No. 30313-R-888 H

SUBJECT: Report giving details of present  
use of tract described in Right of Way  
Request No. 888 H.

Feature: Anzalduas Dam and Dike

A. Present Use:

The land described in right of way Request No. 888 H has not been used by Hidalgo County, Texas for the construction of any flood control works.

B. Other Structures and Uses Now Affecting Such Tract:

- \*(1) Private Roads
- \*(2) Grazing
- \*(3) Fences
- \*(4) Park

None of the above uses and structures was erected or constructed by Hidalgo County; but were erected or constructed by private persons or corporations.

The information contained in this report was compiled from the records of the County, inspection of the premises and other available sources and it is believed states the facts relative to the situation with reasonable accuracy.

C. Remarks: Persons in possession, etc.: Apparent owner: The Missionary Society of Oblate Fathers of Texas.

- \*(B-1) There is a private road along the southeast line of the 300 Acre Reserve which extends to a point about 800 feet from the river bank at which point it crosses the boundary line between the 300 Acre Reserve and the 466.5 acre tract; thence along the northwest line of said 466.5 acre tract for approximately 600 feet; thence to the left at right angles for about 800 feet to the southeast line of the requested site. A branch road leaves the above road about 800 feet from the river bank; thence in a northwesterly direction for about 300 feet; thence

northwesterly for approximately 800 feet to a point near the bank of the river. The above roads will have to be moved to other locations.

- \*(B-2) All of the requested site is in brush and most of it is now used for grazing purposes.
- \*(B-3) There is a barbed wire fence along the division line between the 300 Acre Reserve and the 466.5 acre tract. There is also a barbed wire fence along the river bank all of the way across the requested site. These fences will have to be removed during construction and some portions of them must be permanently relocated.
- \*(B-4) There is a fenced park near the northwest line of the 466.5 acre tract and about 2200 feet from the river bank. Most of this park, which is approximately 50 feet by 250 feet, falls within the requested site. It will be necessary to move it to a new location outside of the requested site.

INFORMATION COMPILED BY:

Eric T. Davis  
Eric T. Davis, Engineer

REVIEWED AND TRANSMITTED  
TO THE PROJECT ENGINEER

W. F. Heath  
W. F. Heath, Engineer





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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION  
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UNITED STATES SECTION

EL PASO, TEXAS

Harlingen, Texas  
June 17, 1953

SUBJECT: Request for right of way  
in Hidalgo County - 888 H

Honorable Oscar C. Dancy, County Judge  
Cameron County  
Brownsville, Texas

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted the original and one copy of right  
of way Request No. 888 H.

Very truly yours,

A. J. Moore  
Project Engineer

Encl. Request No. 888 H (2)

bcc: El Paso



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EL PASO, TEXAS

Harlingen, Texas  
October 22, 1952

✓ Comm. J.P.  
And "  
F. Moore

SUBJECT: Present and Proposed Uses  
Request No. 888 H

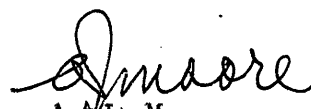
888 H

The Commissioner  
International Boundary and Water Commission  
United States Section  
Post Office Box 1859  
El Paso, Texas

Sir:

I am enclosing for your information one copy each of  
Reports of Present Use and Memorandum of Proposed Use of  
parcels of land covered by Request No. 888 H.

Very truly yours,

  
A. J. Moore,  
Project Engineer

LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT  
INUNDATION RIGHT OF WAY

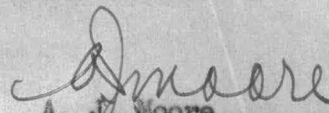
Harlingen, Texas  
October 22, 1952

In reply please refer to  
Right of Way File No. 30313-R-888 H

SUBJECT: Memorandum giving details of nature and  
purpose of use of parcel of land subject  
to inundation

(Request for Right of Way No. 888 H)

The 322 acre tract described in Request No. 888 H lies south of a levee which has been constructed to protect the lands on the north from overflow during flood stages in the Rio Grande. From the best information available all of said 322 acres has been subject to inundation during major floods for many years. Due to the fact that said tract is situated upstream from the proposed Anzalduas Dam across the Rio Grande, which will be used to control the flow of floodwater and the flow of floodwater across said tract will be to some extent influenced and controlled by the operation of said dam, it will probably be desirable and necessary to secure the right to flow floodwaters across said tract.

  
A. J. Moore,  
Project Engineer

LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT  
RIVER DAM RIGHT OF WAY

Harlingen, Texas  
October 22, 1952

In reply please refer to  
Right of Way File No. 30313-R-888 H

SUBJECT: Memorandum giving details of nature and  
purpose of use of parcel of land for Anzalduas  
Dam and Dike.

(Request for Right of Way No. 888 H)

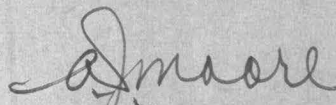
It is proposed to use said parcel of land containing 113.47 acres, described on attached sheet and accompanying sketch, for the purpose of erecting, constructing, maintaining and repairing a permanent reinforced concrete diversion dam across the Rio Grande and an earthen dike, extending from the end of the dam on the United States side of the river to the northeast line of the requested site. This will involve the construction of the following additional features.

- (1) A maintenance roadway on top of said dike.
- (2) Gates and cattle guards
- (3) Telephone lines
- (4) Fences along each side of the requested site
- (5) Road crossings (ramps)
- (6) Minor structures
- (7) Revetment along the river bank

It is desired to alter and repair the aforementioned structure and dike and the uses made and to be made thereon and maintain the same in perpetuity.

Inasmuch as the requested site will be used for the construction, operation and maintenance of a permanent structure of some magnitude it is believed that fee title will be required.

In view of the fact that acquisition of title to the requested site will cut the lands of the owner into two separate tracts it will be necessary to provide passage over and across the requested site for the owner's use so as to cause said owner no more inconvenience than is necessary.

  
A. J. Moore,  
Project Engineer



LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT  
PRESENT USE OF RIVER DAM SITE

Harlingen, Texas  
October 22, 1952

Please refer to  
Right of Way No. 30313-R-888 H

SUBJECT: Report giving details of present  
use of tract described in Right of Way  
Request No. 888 H

Feature: Anzalduas Dam and Dike

A. Present Use:

The land described in right of way Request No. 888 H has not been used by Hidalgo County, Texas for the construction of any flood control works.

B. Other Structures and Uses Now Affecting Such Tract:

- \*(1) Private Roads
- \*(2) Grazing
- \*(3) Fences
- \*(4) Park

None of the above uses and structures was erected or constructed by Hidalgo County; but were erected or constructed by private persons or corporations.

The information contained in this report was compiled from the records of the County, inspection of the premises and other available sources and it is believed states the facts relative to the situation with reasonable accuracy.

C. Remarks: Persons in possession, etc.: Apparent owner: The Missionary Society of Oblate Fathers of Texas.

- \*(B-1) There is a private road along the southeast line of the 300 Acre Reserve which extends to a point about 800 feet from the river bank at which point it crosses the boundary line between the 300 Acre Reserve and the 466.5 acre tract; thence along the northwest line of said 466.5 acre tract for approximately 600 feet; thence to the left at right angles for about 800 feet to the southeast line of the requested site. A branch road leaves the above road about 800 feet from the river bank; thence in a northwesterly direction for about 300 feet; thence

northwesterly for approximately 800 feet to a point near the bank of the river. The above roads will have to be moved to other locations.

- \* (B-2) All of the requested site is in brush and most of it is now used for grazing purposes.
- \* (B-3) There is a barbed wire fence along the division line between the 300 Acre Reserve and the 466.5 acre tract. There is also a barbed wire fence along the river bank all of the way across the requested site. These fences will have to be removed during construction and some portions of them must be permanently relocated.
- \* (B-4) There is a fenced park near the northwest line of the 466.5 acre tract and about 2200 feet from the river bank. Most of this park, which is approximately 50 feet by 250 feet, falls within the requested site. It will be necessary to move it to a new location outside of the requested site.

INFORMATION COMPILED BY:

Eric T. Davis  
Eric T. Davis, Engineer

REVIEWED AND TRANSMITTED  
TO THE PROJECT ENGINEER

W. F. Heath  
W. F. Heath, Engineer



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UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

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UNITED STATES SECTION

EL PASO, TEXAS

Harlingen, Texas

October 20, 1952

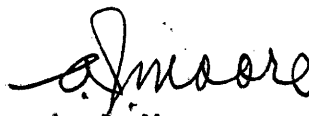
SUBJECT: Request for right of way No. 888 H  
Hidalgo County

The Commissioner  
International Boundary and Water Commission  
United States Section  
P. O. Box 1859  
El Paso, Texas

Sir:

There is enclosed copy of Request for right of way No.  
888 H for your information and files.

Very truly yours,

  
A. J. Moore,  
Project Engineer

Enclosure:

As stated.

(2)✓

Request for Right of  
Way No. 888 H

Harlingen, Texas

October 20, 1952

In reply please refer to  
Right of Way File No. 30313-R-888 H

Honorable Milton D. Richardson  
County Judge of Hidalgo County  
Edinburg, Texas

Feature;

Anzalduas Dam and Dike  
Area Subject to Inundation  
Project Section 1  
Apparent owner:  
The Missionary Society of  
Oblate Fathers of Texas

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to provisions of the Act of Congress approved August 19, 1935 (49 Stat. 660); and the Department of State Appropriations Acts, pertaining to the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project and Acts 1934, 43rd Legislature of Texas, 4th Called Session, p. 71, Chap. 29, and the provisions of resolutions heretofore entered by the County Commissioners' Court of your County, it is requested that for use in connection with the construction of the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project there be conveyed to the United States by appropriate conveyance in form and with title evidenced as may be required by the Attorney General of the United States, that certain tract or parcel of land lying and situated in Hidalgo County, more particularly described as follows:

See following exhibits for description of land:

- (a) Description of right of way requested
- (b) Plat of right of way
- (c) Plat of Grant on which land is located

Very truly yours,

A. J. Moore,  
Project Engineer

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30313-R-888 H

Anzalduas Dam and Dike

Apparent owner:  
The Missionary Society of  
Oblate Fathers of Texas

Correct as to engineering data  
10/17/52

888 H

Being a tract of land containing 113.47 acres in Porciones 56 and 57, Hidalgo County, Texas, out of and a part of two tracts of land, one being a 466.5 acre tract conveyed to The Missionary Society of Oblate Fathers of Texas by deed from Guy S. Combs et al., Trustees, recorded in Volume 506, pages 449-451 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, and the other being the 300 Acre Reserve of the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas described in a deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to the Mission Land Improvement Company, recorded in Volume 3, pages 585-592 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, save and except a certain 2.78 acre tract described in a deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to S. A. Robertson, Trustee, recorded in Volume 30, pages 428-430 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, and the Granjeno Canal Right of Way conveyed to the United Irrigation Company by deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas, recorded in Volume 78, pages 59-60 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas. Said 113.47 acres being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Anzalduas Dam and Dike: Beginning at a point on the northeast line of said 466.5 acre tract, said point being South 30° 29' East, 204.9 feet from the northernmost corner of said 466.5 acre tract; thence along said northeast line, South 30° 29' East, 601.8 feet to a point which bears North 69° 10' 02" West, 6179.5 feet from IBC RP No. 19; thence South 55° 09' West, 4600.0 feet to the normal water surface of the Rio Grande on the United States side; thence with the meanders of said normal water surface, North 26° 49' West, 1040.9 feet, North 21° 04' West, 514.4 feet, North 11° 45' West, 638.4 feet and North 39° 55' East, 333.9 feet; thence South 79° 51' East, 2270.0 feet; thence North 55° 09' East, 2200.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 113.47 acres, more or less.



30313-R-888 H

Area Subject to Inundation

Apparent owner:  
The Missionary Society of  
Oblate Fathers of Texas

888 H Correct as to engineering data

10/17/52

Being a tract of land containing approximately 322 acres in Porciones 55, 56 and 57, Hidalgo County, Texas, out of and a part of two tracts of land, one being a 466.5 acre tract conveyed to The Missionary Society of Oblate Fathers of Texas by deed from Guy S. Combs et al., Trustees, recorded in Volume 506, pages 449-451 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, and the other being the 300 Acre Reserve of the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas described in a deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to the Mission Land Improvement Company, recorded in Volume 3, pages 585-592 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, save and except a certain 2.78 acre tract described in a deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to S. A. Robertson, Trustee, recorded in Volume 30, pages 428-430 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas and the Granjeno Canal Right of Way conveyed to the United Irrigation Company by deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas, recorded in Volume 78, pages 59-60 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas. Said 322 acres being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Area Subject to Inundation: Beginning at the northernmost corner of said 466.5 acre tract; thence along the northeast line of said 466.5 acre tract, South 30° 29' East, 204.9 feet; thence South 55° 09' West, 2200.0 feet; thence North 79° 51' West, 2270.0 feet to the normal water surface of the Rio Grande on the United States side; thence with the meanders of said normal water surface in a northerly direction upstream to a point on the northwest line of said 300 Acre Reserve; thence along said northwest line, North 60° 32' East, 2300.0 feet to the northwest corner of a certain 15.58 acre tract described in an easement recorded in Volume 492, pages 445-446 of the Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, said corner being South 23° 40' 13" East, 3107.6 feet from IBC RP No. 18; thence along the west line of said 15.58 acre tract, South 2° 25' West, 108.4 feet, South 15° 09' East, 140.0 feet, South 74° 51' West, 40.0 feet, South 15° 09' East, 814.1 feet, South 14° 11' East, 310.7 feet, South 20° 59' East, 733.8 feet, South 22° 32' East, 457.2 feet, South 31° 20' East, 400.0 feet, South 58° 40' West, 125.0 feet, South 30° 20' East, 496.5 feet, North 60° 25' East, 125.0 feet, South 29° 35' East, 369.0 feet, South 30° 28' East, 746.7 feet, South 59° 28' West, 125.0 feet, South 30° 37' East, 433.1 feet, South 35° 58' East, 517.3 feet and South 46° 56' East, 369.5 feet to a point on the southeast line of said 300 Acre Reserve; thence along said southeast line, North 55° 46' East, 77.8 feet to the point of beginning, containing 322 acres, more or less.

East Line LOS EJIDOS PARTITION

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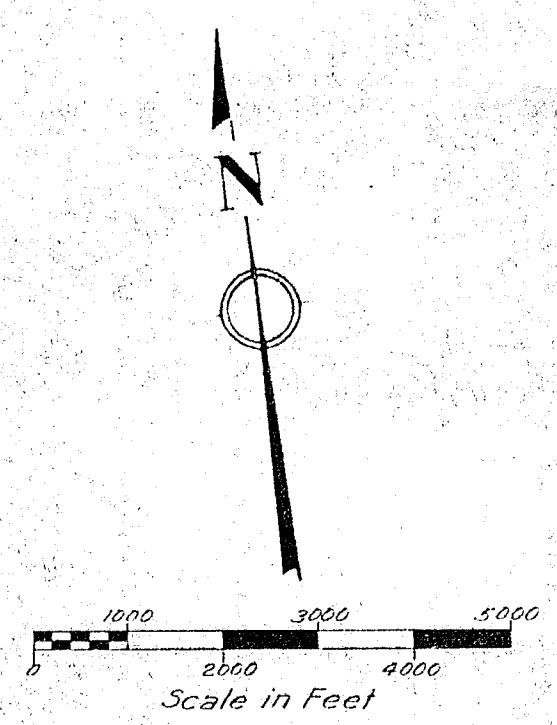
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JOHN H. SHARY SUBDIVISION



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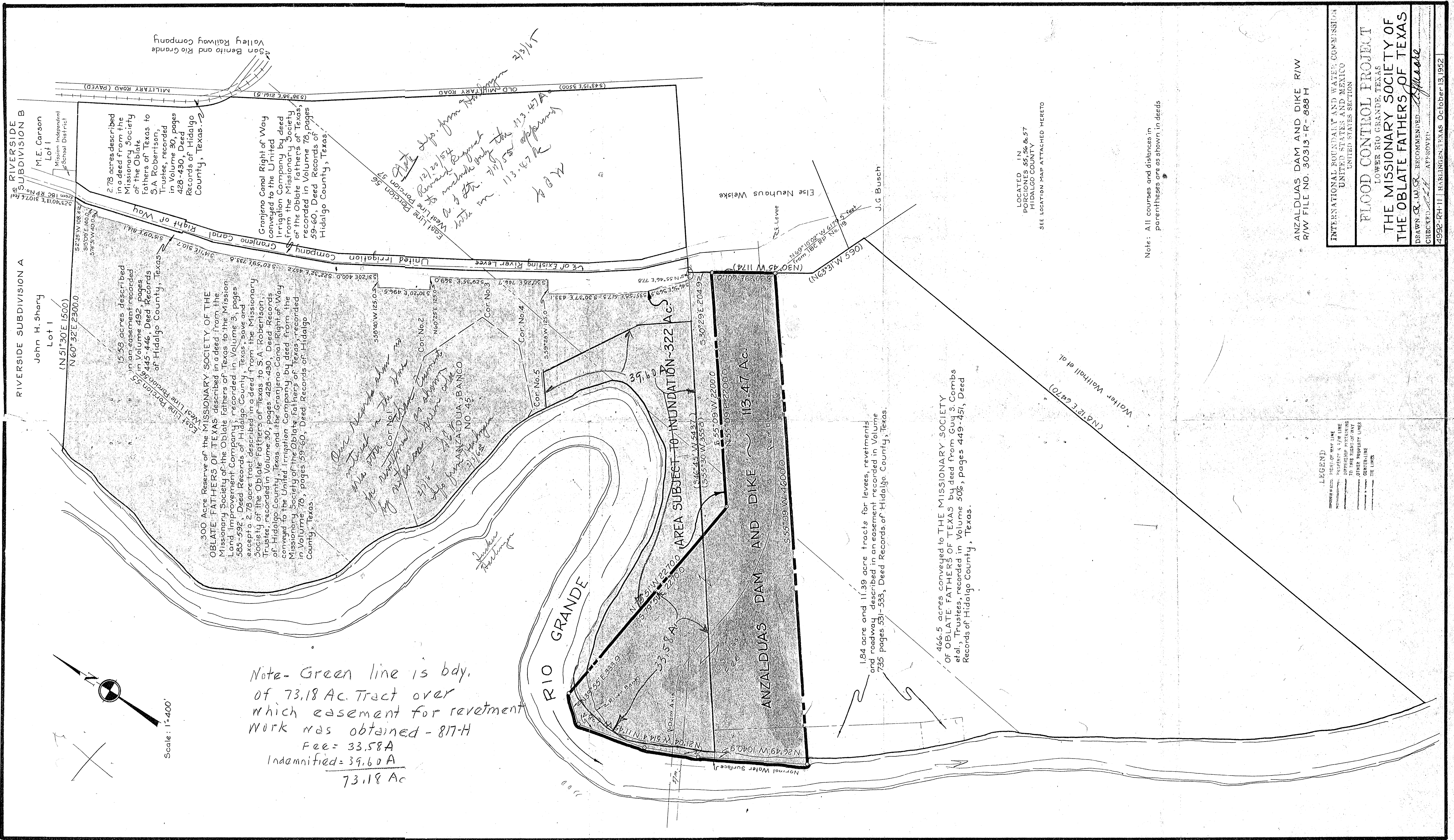
FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT  
LOWER RIO GRANDE, TEXAS  
LOCATION MAP MAIN FLOODWAY AND  
RIVER LEVEE PORCIONES 48 TO 60

DRAWN.....*W.H. Hall*.....RECOMMENDED.....*J.L. Saylor*.....  
CHECKED.....*S.H. K.*.....APPROVED.....*J.L. Saylor*.....

3351-RH-10 SAN BENITO, TEX. Jan. 3, 1941

Revised: 8/23/49 by J.L. Saylor, 11/29/50 by J.L. Saylor, 6/30/51 by J.L. Saylor, 5/23/51 by J.L. Saylor, 10/16/52 by J.L. Saylor





San Benito and Rio Grande Valley Railway Company

2.78 acres described in a deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to SA Robertson, Trustee, recorded in Volume 30, pages 428-430, Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

Granjeno Canal Right of Way conveyed to the United Irrigation Company by deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas, recorded in Volume 78, pages 59-60, Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

5.58 acres described in an easement recorded in Volume 492, pages 445-446, Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

300 Acre Reserve of the MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE OBLATE FATHERS OF TEXAS described in a deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to the Mission Land Improvement Company, recorded in Volume 3, pages 585-592, Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, save and except a 2.78 acre tract described in a deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas to S.A. Robertson, Trustee, recorded in Volume 30, pages 428-430, Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas and the Granjeno Canal Right of Way conveyed to the United Irrigation Company by deed from the Missionary Society of the Oblate Fathers of Texas, recorded in Volume 78, pages 59-60, Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

Our records show no interest in the line for the mentioned area. My notes are given only to the Anzalduas Dam and Dike. 2/1/54

Appt. 12/20/54 to include only the 113.47A with an 113.47 AC to W

1.84 acre and 11.39 acre tracts for levees, revetments and roadway described in an easement recorded in Volume 735 pages 531-533, Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

466.5 acres conveyed to THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF OBLATE FATHERS OF TEXAS by deed from Guy S. Combs et al, Trustees, recorded in Volume 506, pages 449-451, Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

LOCATED IN PORCIONES 55, 56 & 57 HIDALGO COUNTY SEE LOCATION MAP ATTACHED HERETO

Note: All courses and distances in parentheses are as shown in deeds

ANZALDUAS DAM AND DIKE R/W R/W FILE NO. 30313 - R - 888 H

LEGEND  
--- RIGHT OF WAY LINE  
--- PROPERTY & 1/2 W LINE  
--- EASEMENT MAINTAINING TO THIS RIGHT-OF-WAY  
--- OTHER PROPERTY LINES  
--- CENTERLINE  
--- EASEMENT LINES

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION  
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FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT  
LOWER RIO GRANDE, TEXAS  
THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE OBLATE FATHERS OF TEXAS  
DRAWN & RECOMMENDED BY  
CHECKED BY APPROVED

1992 R/H/H HARRINGTON, TEXAS October 13, 1992





**Owner Name:** WORLD WILDLIFE FUND INC  
**Doing Business As:** Null  
**Property Identification Number:** 101537  
**Geo Identification Number:** 10055-00-000-0000-10  
**Legal Description:** PORCION 55 TR-1 247.84AC-ANZALDUA BANCO45 TR-2 396.96AC & TR-3 256.4 ACS -MARIA DE LUNA 830.29ACS  
**State Code:** C1  
**Address:** ON THE RIVER W OF ANZALDUAS BRDG TX  
**Taxing Jurisdictions:** DR1, SMS, JCC, GHD, CAD, SST  
**Appraised Value:** \$2,258,389.00  
**Neighborhood:** PORCION 55  
**Abstract Code:** 1005500

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