

# **OVERVIEW FACT SHEET**

The IBWC is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico.

- ✓ Flood Control: USIBWC maintains more than 500 miles of levees, 700 hydraulic structures, 100 gaging stations, and 20,000 acres of floodplain.
- ✓ Water Delivery: Ensure compliance with 1906 Convention and 1944 Water treaty for the Rio Grande and Colorado River.
- ✓ Dams and Hydroelectric Power Plants: Manage two international dams (Falcon and Amistad) with hydroelectric power plants and 5 diversion dams.
- ✓ **Sanitation:** Three international wastewater treatment plants: San Diego, CA; Rio Rico, AZ; Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas.
- ✓ **International Bridges and Boundary Demarcation:** Maintain two international bridges (El Paso TX-Juarez, Chih., and Ft. Hancock TX-El Porvenir, Chih.) and almost 800 monuments, markers, and buoys that demarcate the U.S.-Mexico border.

#### SOME MAJOR ONGOING USIBWC PROJECTS ALONG THE ARIZONA-MEXICO BORDER:

- Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements, including sludge management and redundancy
- Transfer of Nogales International Outfall Interceptor to USIBWC pending federal funding
- Water quality testing of wastewater from Nogales, Mexico, and industrial metals source tracking.
- Minutes 323 and 330 Colorado River drought management and water conservation projects in Mexico undertaken with \$96.5 million USD from partners in the United States
- Numerous Colorado River binational work groups in place under Minutes 323 and 330, including hydrology, salinity, environment, flow variability, projects, and desalination.
- Binational Technical Committee to address pollution issues along the Arizona-Mexico border
- Asset management and capital plan for all field offices.
- · Boundary demarcation, maintenance of 132 boundary monuments

#### USIBWC STAFFING AND BUDGET AT 12 OFFICES IN THE BORDER REGION AND WASHINGTON D.C.:

- FY24 Salaries and Expenses appropriation: \$64.8M
- 300 total positions

- FY24 construction appropriation: \$156M
- FY 2010 2020 average construction budget \$31M

### **FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT:**

- Equipment replacement in all field offices \$36M.
- Facilities Renovation \$31M is needed for 61 facilities.

#### FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM:

Rio Grande Flood Control Program: \$958M is needed for 158 miles of levees

- High Priority \$91M needed for 14 miles of levees and levee gap repairs for FEMA certification and flood control
  protection in urbanized areas and where high levee failure risks exist.
- Medium Priority \$73M needed for 16 miles of levees and levee gaps repairs based on value/benefit, complexity/constraints, and risk/safety.

Tijuana River Levee Rehabilitation:

• <u>High Priority</u> – \$115M is needed for 4 miles of levee construction to comply with FEMA certification and sediment removal; \$5M needed for O&M.

## OTHER UNFUNDED CRITICAL CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Amistad Dam Seepage Correction \$80M-\$276M (US share estimated at \$45M-\$155M)
- American Canal Middle Reach \$155M-\$174M
- Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant capital improvements \$39M



