



IBWC HISTORY, PROJECTS, AND ISSUES

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IBWC MISSION

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the two countries and settling differences that arise in their application.



PROJECTS



UPPER RIO GRANDE PROJECTS



International Dam



LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT



Anzalduas Dam



LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT



Retamal Dam



TIJUANA RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

- Located at San Diego-Tijuana
- 2-mile long channel from the border to the natural Tijuana River channel



AMISTAD DAM



FALCON DAM

- International Dam/Storage Reservoir
- Located along the border between Laredo and McAllen, TX
- Purposes
 - Water Storage
 - Flood Control
 - Hydropower



SOUTH BAY INTERNATIONAL WWTP



NUEVO LAREDO INTERNATIONAL WWTP



NOGALES SANITATION



BOUNDARY DEMARCATION



Monument No. 123, Nogales



Mon. 204, San Luis



COLORADO RIVER - MORELOS DAM

- Located west of Yuma
- Constructed in 1950
- Diverts Colorado River water to Mexico
- Mexico covers all costs
- USIBWC plans to remove sediment





COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT

- Lakes Powell and Mead approx. 50% full due to several years of drought
- Reclamation adopted shortage guidelines for Lower Basin States (AZ, CA, NV) indicating how reductions would be implemented
- Potential future reductions to Mexico due to extraordinary drought
- U.S. has always delivered required volume on Colorado River



LAKE MEAD



1999



2006