

Innovations and Solutions in **Sustainability Science for Dryland Areas**







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Established in 1994

- Mandate: Develop and finance environmental infrastructure along the U.S.-Mexico border:
 - Review and certify infrastructure projects located within 100 km north and 300 km south of the border that improve the well-being of the population
 - Provide loans and grants for their implementation
 - Offer technical assistance for project development
- Structure: Owned and governed equally by the Governments of the United States and Mexico
- Offices: San Antonio, TX and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua
- Ratings: Aa1 Moody's; AA Fitch

Governance



Board of Directors

 NADB has a ten-member Board of Directors, with an equal number of representatives from the U.S. and Mexico

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Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency	Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT)	
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U.S. Border Public Representative	Mexican Border Public Representative	













Jurisdiction



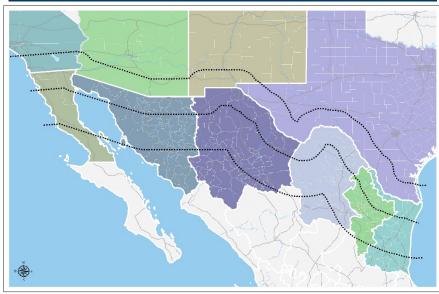
U.S.- Mexico Border Region

- Eligible projects must be located within 100 km north and 300 km south of the U.S.-Mexico border.
 - ♦ U.S. Border
 - 41 counties in four states
 - Population: 6.34 million (2.05% of U.S. population)

Mexican Border

- 220 municipalities in six states
- Population: 16.41 million (14.61% of Mexican population)

Geographic Jurisdiction



Population within Jurisdiction United States

Officed States			
State	Population		
Arizona	912,519		
California	3,197,461		
New Mexico	179,579		
Texas	<u>2,049,360</u>		
Total	6,338,919		
Mexico			
State	Population		
Baja California	3,151,135		
Chihuahua	2,974,318		
Coahuila	1,774,565		
Nuevo León	4,614,869		
Sonora	1,646,690		
Tamaulipas	<u>2,248,745</u>		
Total	16,410,322		

Overview of Financing Activity



Certification

- Every project is reviewed and certified based on criteria of:
 - Technical viability
 - Financial self-sufficiency
 - Community support
 - Sustainable development

Financing

- Loan Program: Competitive rates; up to 85% of total project cost, with tenors of up to 25 years
- Grant Programs: Limited grants for communities where debt financing is not a viable option

Technical Assistance

- Support project development with regards to:
 - Design and related studies
 - Financial closing
 - Procurement
- Provide capacity-building through seminars & workshops

Eligible Sectors

Water and Sewage

- Water treatment and distribution
- Wastewater collection, treatment and reuse
- Water conservation
- Storm drainage

Residential, industrial and hazardous waste

- **♦** Sanitary landfills
- Collection & disposal equipment
- Dumpsite closure
- Recycling & waste reduction
- ◆ Site remediation
- Toxic waste disposal

Air Quality

- Street paving and other roadway improvements
- Ports of entry
- Public transportation
- Industrial emissions

Clean / Renewable Energy

- ◆ Solar
- Wind
- Biofuels
- Biogas/ methane capture
- **♦** Hydroelectric
- **♦** Geothermal

Energy Efficiency

- Public lighting
- Building retrofits
- Equipment replacement
- Water utilities

Certification Criteria



- Every project funded by NADB must first be certified based on the following criteria:
 - Technical viability: The project must use technically feasible systems, processes and equipment.
 - Financial self-sufficiency: The project must be financially selfsufficient based on cash-flow projections generated by NADB in its analysis of the project.
 - Environmental and/or health benefits: The project must address an environmental need on the border and not harm human health or ecosystems in the region.
 - Contribute to sustainable development: The project must contribute to the sustainable development of the community and the region as a whole.

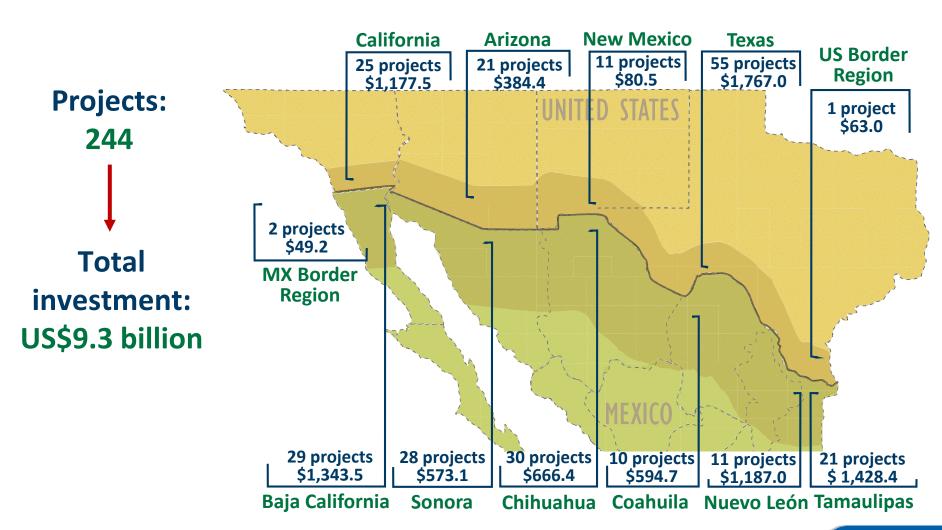
Technical Assistance Programs



- NADB Technical Assistance:
 - Project and sector development: Grants and technical expertise for developing environmental infrastructure projects and exploring emerging sectors
 - Institutional capacity-building through seminars and workshops aimed at enhancing sustainability and addressing emerging issues such as climate change, green infrastructure and public transportation
- Project Development Assistance Program (PDAP): EPA-funded grants for development of water and wastewater projects
- ◆ Border 2020 U.S.-Mexico Environmental Program: NADB provides logistical and administrative support for the development of strategic initiatives and workshops linked to the objectives and goals of this EPA-funded program.

Certified Projects with Financing

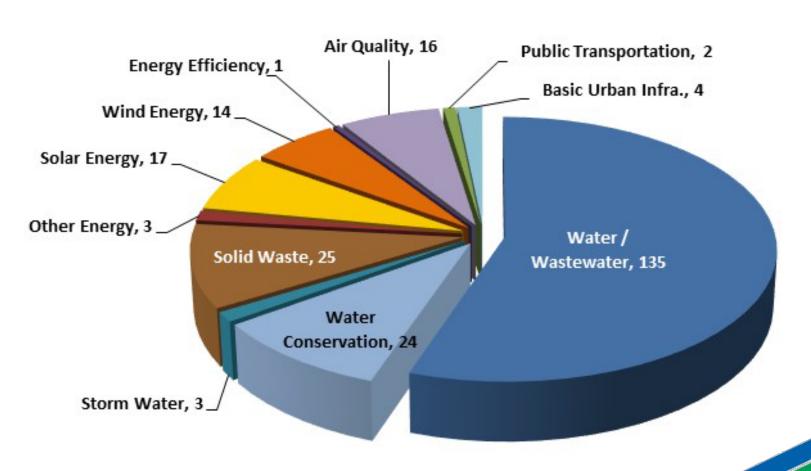




Certified & Funded Projects by Sector







EPA U.S.-Mexico Border Program



Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF)

- ◆ US\$673.4 million in funding from EPA for project construction since program inception; 98% has been allocated to certified projects to date
- US\$658.7 million contracted for water and wastewater projects
- US\$614.1 million (93%) has been disbursed
- Of the 119 projects financed with BEIF,
 103 have been completed
- US\$10.2 million available for 11 projects in development, with a total estimated cost of US\$67.7 million







Outputs of Completed Projects









- 22 water treatment plants and 37 water distribution systems
- 53 wastewater treatment plants and 89 wastewater collection systems
- 24 water conservation projects
- 14 municipal landfills built or expanded and 12 dump sites closed
- 7.19 million square meters of roads paved and 229 km of rehabilitated roadways
- 15 solar plants, 12 wind farms, 1 landfill wasteto-energy facility and 1 cogeneration facility, with 1,917 MW of renewable energy generation capacity installed

Completed Project Outcomes & Impact







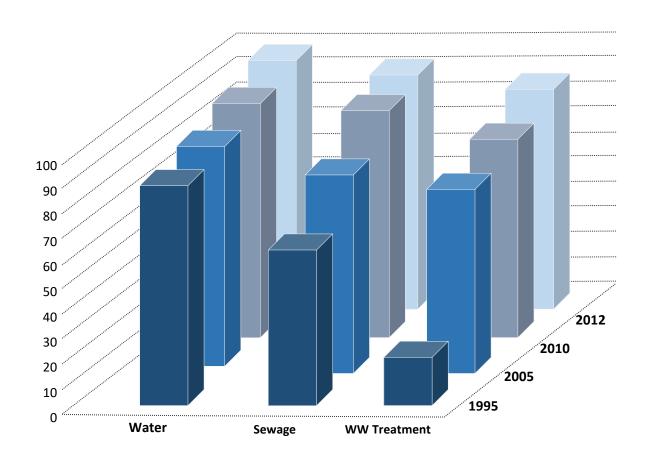


- More than 12 million border residents with improved drinking water and wastewater services
- Increased wastewater treatment capacity by 316 million gallons a day
- Saving 327,171 acre-feet/year (12,797 lps)
 of water in irrigation districts
- More than 2.7 million residents with improved waste collection and disposal services and capacity for the proper disposal of 1,550 tons of waste per day

Impact in the Water Sector in Mexico



 Wastewater treatment coverage in the Mexican border region increased from 21% to 87% between 1995 and 2012; while the national average is currently about 46%.



Completed Project Outcomes & Impact



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 Street paving and improved urban mobility benefiting 5.4 million residents, reducing exposure to air pollution from vehicular dust (PM₁₀) from traffic on dirt streets and exhaust emissions



◆ Annual generation of 8,180 GWh of energy from renewable sources, sufficient for the annual consumption of more than 773,381 households, which is helping prevent the emission of an estimated 3.20 million metric tons/yr. of CO₂



◆ Diverse economic benefits for the communities such as employment, income, stronger tax base and infrastructure for economic development

Sustainable Development Criteria



Guidelines for Applying the Sustainable Development Criteria

Border Environment Cooperation Commission

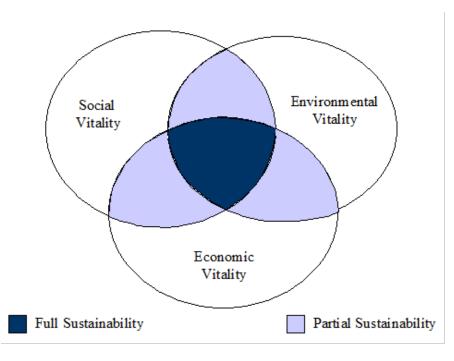
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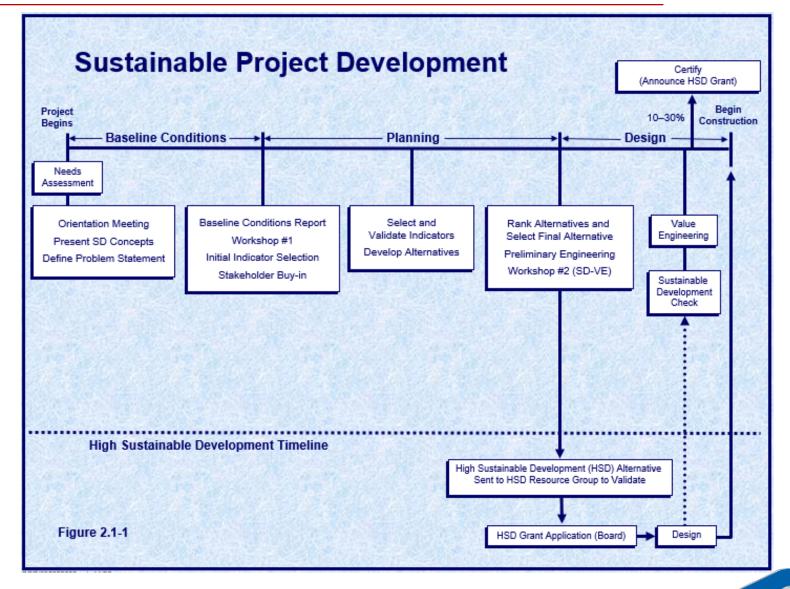
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Definition Diagram for Sustainable Development

Sustainable Development Criteria





Sustainable Development Criteria



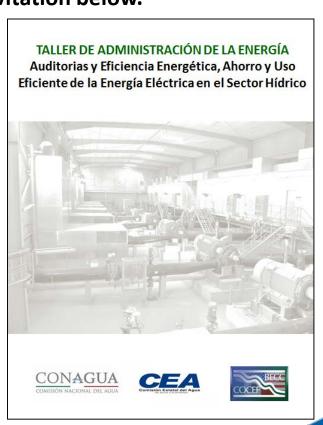
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- Six Energy Management workshops held in coordination with EPA and CONAGUA, as well as with TWDB, NMED, CEAT-Tamaulipas, CEAS-Coahuila JCAS-Chihuahua and CEA-Baja California.
- The workshops covered several topics related to energy management and energy efficiency as described in the invitation below.





Energy and Water Audits



- 24 Energy Audits for Water Utilities in 8 Border States (Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, and Tamaulipas)
- Energy Efficiency allows savings in the most important expense an utility has to pay
- ◆ 10 Water Audits for Water Utilities in 5 Border States (Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Sonora, and Tamaulipas.
- ♦ Water Audits have helped changing project scopes and improve water rates, besides water conservation actions

Transboundary Environmental Information Documents (Camargo Project)



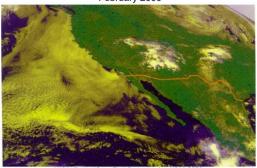
Development of a Scope of Work for Compliance with the Border Environmental Infrastructure Fund Program Requirements

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Border Environment Cooperation Commission Comisión de Cooperación Ecológica Fronteriza



February 2000





The Geo-Marine Team



IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR CAMARGO, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO

TRANSBOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT (UPDATED)

April 23, 2013

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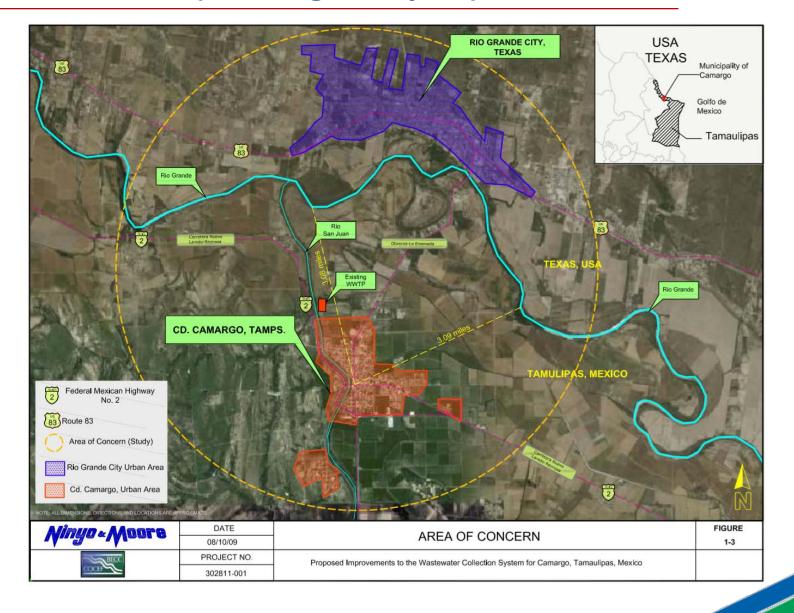
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Waste Load Evaluation of the Camargo Subsegment of the Rio Grande Segment 2302 for Camargo, Tamaulipas, Mexico

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HZ Project No. 090443-01

October 31, 2012



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

In accordance with the environmental review guidelines of the Council on Environmental Quality found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1500, and with the use of the implementing environmental review procedures of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found at 40 CFR Part 6 entitled "Procedures for Implementing the Requirements of the Council on Environmental Quality on the National Environmental Policy Act" a guidance, the EPA has performed an environmental review of the following proposed action:

Camargo Wastewater Collection Project
Proposed by the Comision de Agua Potable y Alcantarillado (COMAPA)
Located in Camargo, Tamaulipas, Mexico

Estimated EPA Share: \$887,794 Estimated Local Share: \$814.046

The community of Camargo is located in the northwest area of the Mexican State of Tamaulipas. Residents do not have adequate wastewater collection or wastewater treatment infrastructure and use latrine pits for their waste. Many residents discharge untreated wastewater directly into streets and vacant land; compounding the public health and safety hazard for area residents. The lack of wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure in the area creates a potential source of surface and ground water contamination. In addition, odors from the latrines, cesspools, and untreated wastewater in the open-air canals permeate the area.

COMAPA proposes to install a wastewater collection system to serve Camargo. In total, 12,708-people will be served by the new wastewater collection system. The collected—wastewater would flow from houses, via gravity, to wastewater pipeline and be conveyed to the Camargo WWTP. In total, 202 access points and 58,056 linear feet of new pipe will be added within the existing 50-foot right-of-way. Based on the population of the proposed service area, the project would generate wastewater at a rate of approximately 0.64 million gallons daily (MGD).

EPA Region 6 has performed an environmental review and assessment on the Environmental Information Document, and other supporting data, prepared for the proposed Camargo Wastewater Infrastructure Project. The environmental review and assessment process did not identify any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. The project individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other actions will not have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the environment. Accordingly, the EPA Region 6 has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not warranted.

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Transboundary Environmental Information Documents (Sonoyta Project)



IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT
SYSTEMS FOR THE CITY OF SONOYTA, SONORA, MÉXICO

FINAL

TRANSBOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2008

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In Reply Refer to: AESO/SE 22410-2008-TA-0092

December 26, 2007



Mr. Nicolas Chapa Senior Environmental Scientist Brown and Caldwell 1200 Golden Key Circle, Suite 430 El Paso, Texas 79925

Dear Mr. Chapa:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated September 12, 2007, asking if we agree with your conclusion that the Proposed Expansion of the Wastewater Collection System to Unserved Areas of the City and the Construction of a New Wastewater Treatment Facility in Sonoyta, Sonora, Mexico project would not cause adverse effects to any listed species. We understand that the proposed action is based upon a grant program administered by the Environmental Protection Agency to improve water and wastewater infrastructure projects within 100 kilometers of the international boundary between the U.S. and Mexico. Based upon your initial correspondence, the preliminary draft Environmental Assessment, and our discussion in the conference call on November 10, 2007, we understand that:

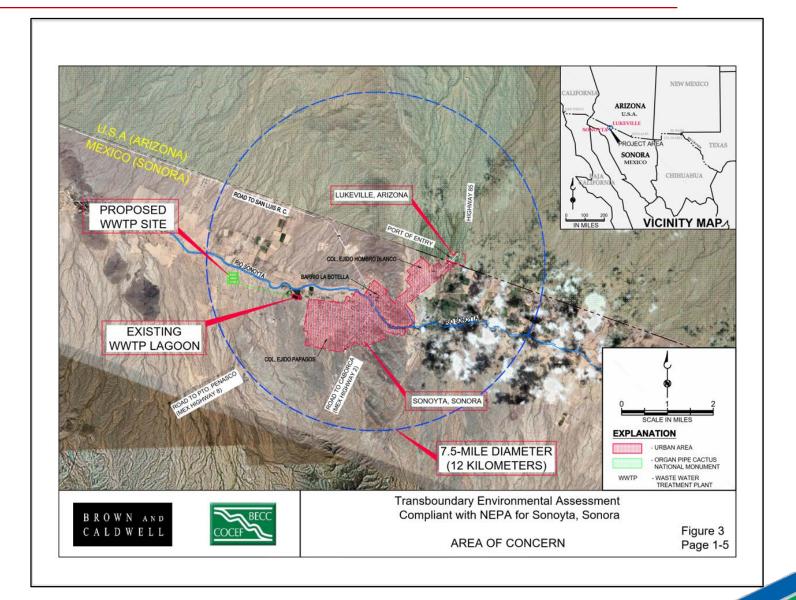
- the existing treatment facility only treats about 65 percent of the residences in the Sonoyta area,
- · the existing treatment facility is operating beyond its capacity,
- · the out-flow is approximately 16 liters per second,
- the out-flow sometimes contains untreated wastewater,
- · the out-flow recharges shallow groundwater, and
- · some of the outflow is diverted to agricultural uses.

The alternatives, other than the no action alternative, would:

· expand the existing capacity to meet current demands,

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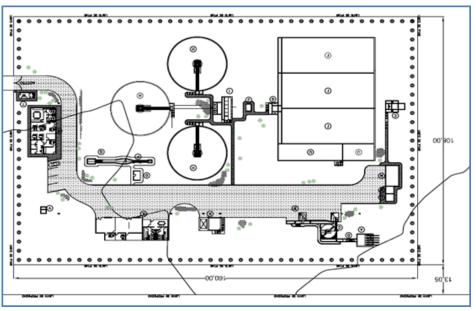


- According to the Arizona Department of Game and Fish's Heritage Data Management System, three species of concern occur within the project vicinity: the Sonoran pronghorn (Antilocapra americana sonoriensis), the Great Plains Narrow-mouthed Toad (Gastrophryne olivacea), and the Sonoran Population of the Sonoran Desert Tortoise (Gopherus agassizii).
- According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the following vulnerable species are located in proximity to the proposed project area and may be affected by the proposed project: Quitobaquito Pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius eremus*), the Sonoyta mud turtle (*Kinosternon sonoriense longifemorale*), the Quitobaquito Springs snail (*Tryonia quitobaquitae*) and the long fin dace (*Agosia chrysogaster*)
- The existing WWTP was overloaded and discharging inadequately treated wastewater that discharged into the Rio Sonoyta, which is a habitat for the Quitobaquito pupfish, a subspecies of the endangered desert pupfish.
- The implementation of a new WWTP will reduce the contamination loads of the Rio Sonoyta, and will provide reuse water for irrigation, thereby reducing the need for groundwater pumping and drawdown.

WWC and Treatment Project in Nogales, Sonora



A photovoltaic project was constructed to provide electricity to the "Los Alisos" Wastewater Treatment Plant (Activated Sludge process with 5.02 MGD capacity) in Nogales, Sonora. The project was financed with USEPA and Mexican Government funds (federal, state, and municipal)

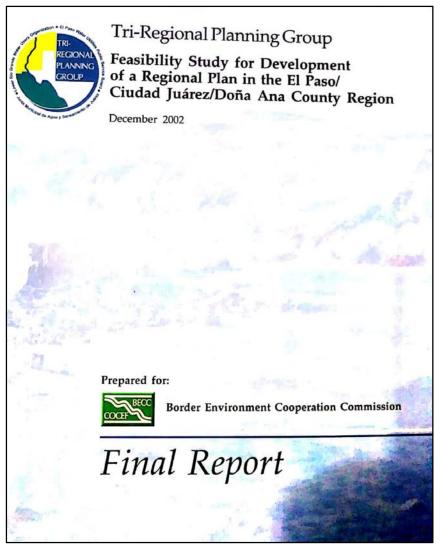


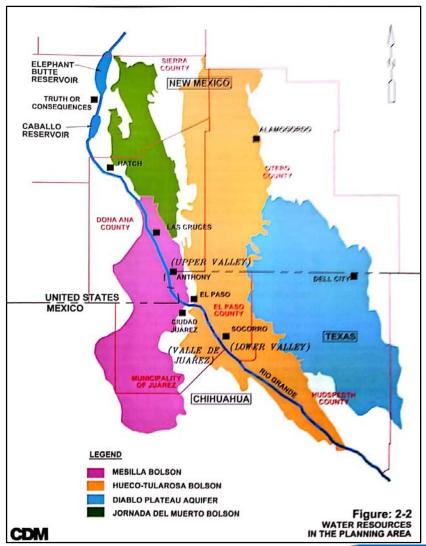


- The WWTP, pumping station and conveyance line were financed with BEIF, NADB Loan and Mexican funds
- The Effluent of the WWTP is planned to be injected for aquifer recharge in the Mexican side

Two Countries-Three States Regional Planning







California



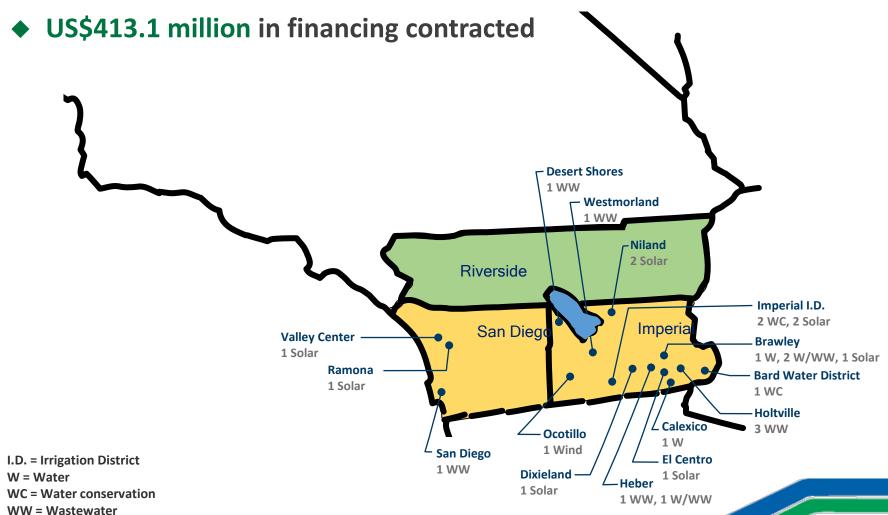
- 15.4 million gallons a day of new water treatment capacity
- 10.4 million gallons a day of increased wastewater treatment capacity
- ◆ 9,647 acre-feet/year (377 lps) in water savings in irrigation districts
- ◆ 354 MW of installed solar and wind generation capacity, which is helping prevent the emission of approximately 236,043 metric tons/year of CO₂, equivalent to removing 49,860 passenger vehicles from the roadways

Participation in California



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25 projects financed



Projects in California



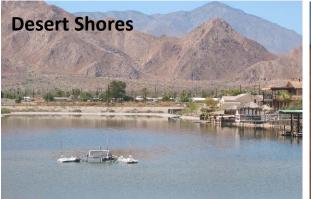


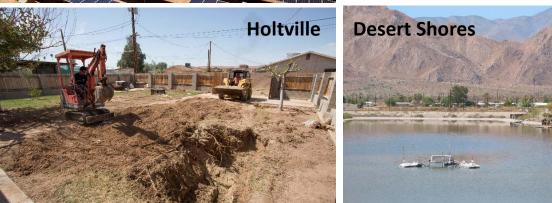














Chihuahua



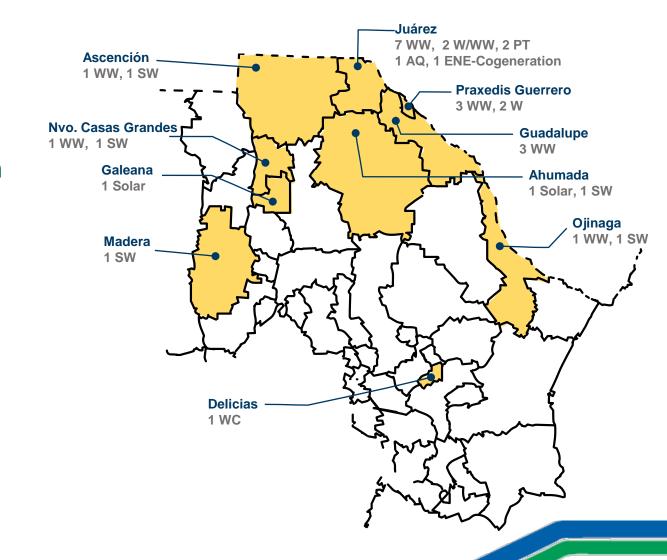
- 109 million gallons a day (mgd) of increased wastewater treatment capacity
- ◆ 201,626 acre-feet/year (7,886 lps) in water savings in an irrigation district
- ◆ 102 low-emission buses in circulation
- Approximately 544,859 square meters of roadway paved, helping to reduce vehicular dust (PM₁₀)
- ◆ 13.7 MW of installed solar generation capacity, which is helping prevent the emission of approximately 16,509 metric tons/year of CO₂, equivalent to removing 3,535 passenger vehicles from the roadways
- ◆ 1 cogeneration facility (1.35 MW), supplying 40% to 50% of the electricity needed to operate a 22.8-mgd wastewater treatment plant

Participation in Chihuahua



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- 32 projects certified and financed
- US\$191.6 million in financing contracted



AQ = Air quality
ENE = Clean energy
SW = Solid waste
PT = Public transportation
W = Water
WC = Water conservation
WW = Wastewater

Projects in Chihuahua













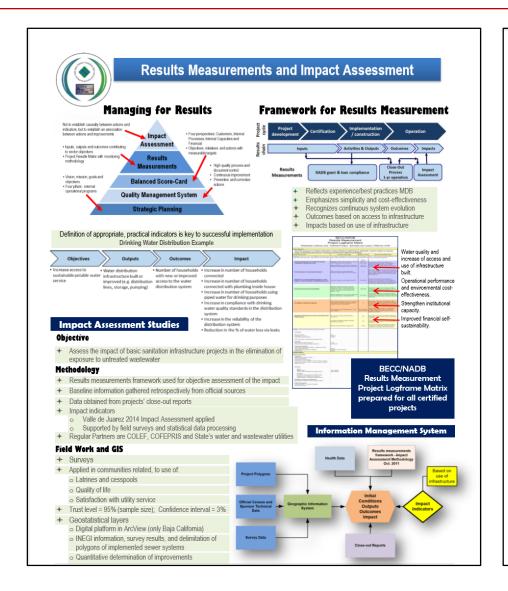






Results Measurements and Impact Assessment

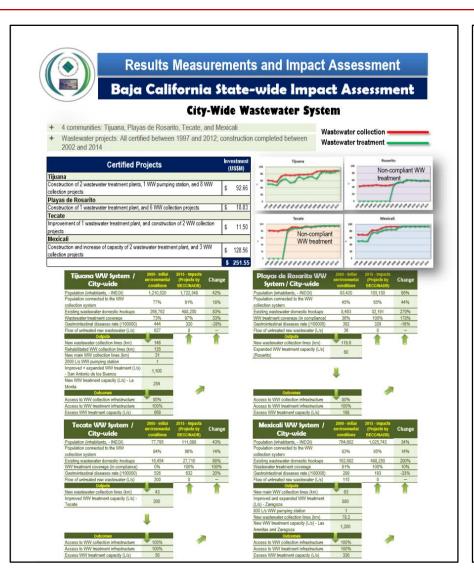


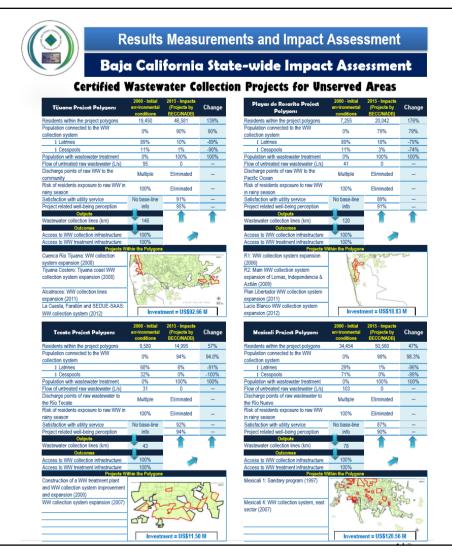




Results Measurements and Impact Assessment







Results Measurements and Impact Assessment





HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Lower Valley Water District (LVWD)
El Paso County, TX
WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS



Objective

Assess the health and quality of life impacts of water and wastewater services provided through Lower Valley Water District project completed in 2003, using the tools of HIA, as defined by WHO.

Context

- The population of Socorro and San Elizario was 22,995 and 4,385, respectively, from 1990 Census.
- Before (the water & wastewater project) 2003, residents and businesses in San Elizario and Socorro were
 mostly dependent on private domestic wells for water and septic tanks for sanitation.
- Inadequately designed and constructed on-site treatment systems led to contaminated shallow wells in the area. Studies by UTEP (1988) and the CDC (1992) found that 100% and 50% of wells tested, respectively, were bacteriologically contaminated.
- EP County Health Department (1992) reported high rates of Hepatitis A (5x the national average) and <u>shigella</u> dysentery (3x the national average) in the area.
- UTSA Health Sciences Center (1988) found that 90% of San Elizario residents sampled had been infected with Hepatitis A before reaching the age of 35.

General Characteristics and Cost of the Project

Cost	\$98 million	Funding Sources	EPA, TWDB, USDA		
Implemented	1995 - 2003	13,729 connections	Benefitting 33,729 people		
Water Infrastructure	Purchase of existing infrastructure, 3 MG ground storage tank, 28 MGD added pumping capacity, 265,000 lineal feet of water line ranging from 6-inch to 24-inches in diameter				
Wastewater Infrastructure	Construction of 8 sewer lift stations, 650,000 lineal feet of collection line, main collectors and force main ranging from 8-inch to 42-inches in diameter				



The Assessment

- · Interviewed 11 key informants
- Survey of 100 households from a total of 223 who had lived in the same home for >25 years
- · Review of secondary data related to health, economic, and quality of life impacts



HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT
The Lower Valley Water District (LVWD)
WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECT



Results

Household Survey

Sources of Water & Sanitation before and after

- Before the infrastructure project, 52% of residents obtained water through some combination of hauled water, domestic
 wells, and bottled water. 15% depended on hauled water only, and 8% depended on domestic wells only. For those
 who hauled water, 64% of them hauled water more than once per week.
- 100% of residents depend on septic tanks and cesspools.
- · After the infrastructure project, 100% of residents had piped water, and 93% connected to sewer

Perceptions of service

- Today from the survey, 93% of residents are satisfied with water service, and 89% are satisfied with the sewer service
 due improved reliability, pressure, and health / "sewer service": due to improved treatment, health, and cost savings
- . Currently 90% of residents utilize municipal water for cooking and hygiene needs.

elf Reported in Health Conditions	Before	After
Skin problems (rash, itchy, dry)	22%	9%
Gastrointestinal illness (diarrhea, nausea, gastritis)	9%	3%
Stomach infections (salmonella, cholera, H. pylori)	1%	0%

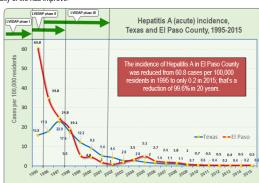
Economic, Community Development, Quality of life, Before & After

- 93% of the respondents believe that the water and sewer benefitted the community trough to expanded healthcare services, local businesses, parks and recreation and improve fire safety.
- 88% of residents believe quality of life has improve.

Secondary Data

LVWD Connections

- Water service connections, 1997 = 3,725; 2016 = 17,454 (increase of 368%)
- Residents without services in El Paso County decreased from 40,000 to 16,000



Community Development and Economic Impact

- Medium Household Incomes grew in the area by 12% to nearly 28% or an increase of up to \$6,500 per year for some families.
- Property values increased by 41% in Socorro and 23% in San <u>Elizario</u> between 2000 and 2010 (American Fact Finder). The average is 20% in El Paso County after first time water service (EPW).
- Expanded residential development (~4500 ha) includes access to conventional water and wastewater services
 extended from the project's infrastructure investments.

Next Steps



- Water Conservation. Based on availability of water resources and environmental setting, enforce the application of water conservation plans for both urban and agricultural use, in order to achieve realistic consumption per capita
- Water Reuse. Reclaimed water should substitute current needs rather than creating new ones
- ◆ Water Quality of Water Resources. Protect water resources with updated discharge permits, based on the condition of receiving water body, population growth, and increasing flows of wastewater generated in cities along the border region

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