



# Mexico-U.S. Transboundary Perspectives

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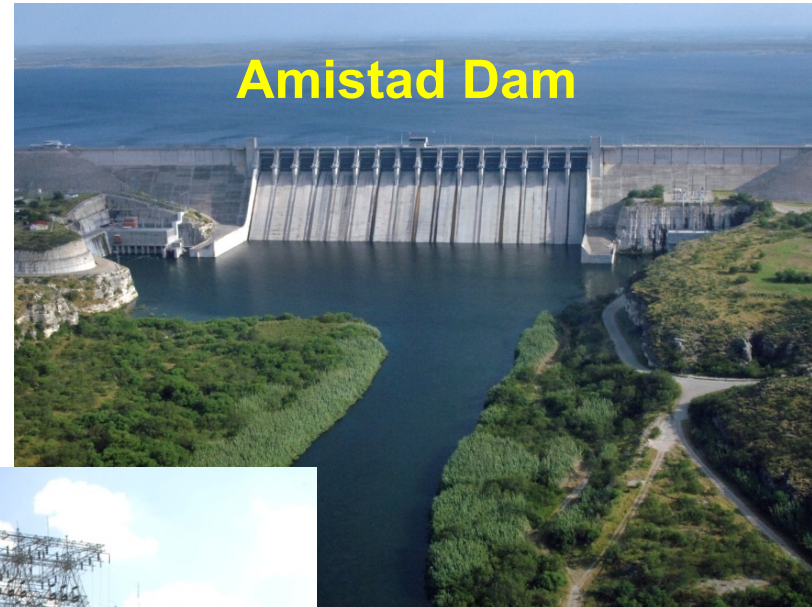
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# 1944 WATER TREATY





# 1944 WATER TREATY— COLORADO RIVER





# COLORADO RIVER ISSUES



Colorado River at SIB

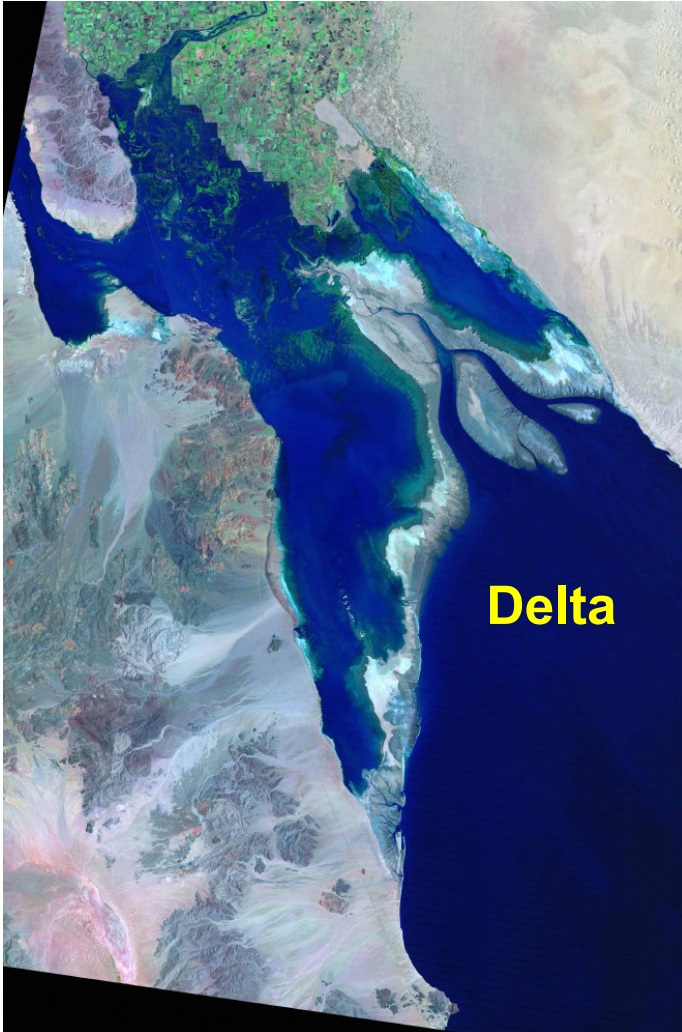


Sediment in Colorado River (1999)





# COLORADO RIVER ISSUES



All-American Canal



# COLORADO RIVER MINUTES

- Minute 301 (1999) – Study of potential bi-national Colorado River aqueduct
- Minute 306 (2000) – Framework for environmental studies and recommendations for limitrophe and delta
- Minute 310 (2003) – Allows Mexico to use U.S. conveyance for emergency water delivery to Tijuana
- Minute 314 (2008) - Extension of Minute 310 deliveries

Emergency  
connection at Tijuana





# COLORADO RIVER MINUTES

- Minute 316 (2010) – Water for the Santa Clara Wetland during Yuma Desalting Plant Pilot Run



Santa Clara Wetland



Yuma Desalting Plant



# COLORADO RIVER MINUTES

- Minute 317 (2010) - Establishment of bi-national work groups to address various Colorado River issues



Lake Mead 1999



2006

# COLORADO RIVER MINUTES

- Minute 318 (2010) – Delayed delivery of water to Mexico until it repairs earthquake damage



Damaged canal in Mexicali Valley





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