Mexico-U.S. Transboundary Perspectives

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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.
1944 WATER TREATY

Falcon Dam

Amistad Dam

Falcon Power Plant (US)
1944 WATER TREATY– COLORADO RIVER

CA

BC

Arizona
COLORADO RIVER ISSUES

Sediment in Colorado River (1999)

Colorado River at SIB

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Delta

All-American Canal

Lined segment under construction
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


Santa Clara Wetland

Yuma Desalting Plant
Minute 317 (2010) - Establishment of bi-national work groups to address various Colorado River issues
COLORADO RIVER MINUTES

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

Damaged canal in Mexicali Valley