

Report on development of Binational Water Management Proposal

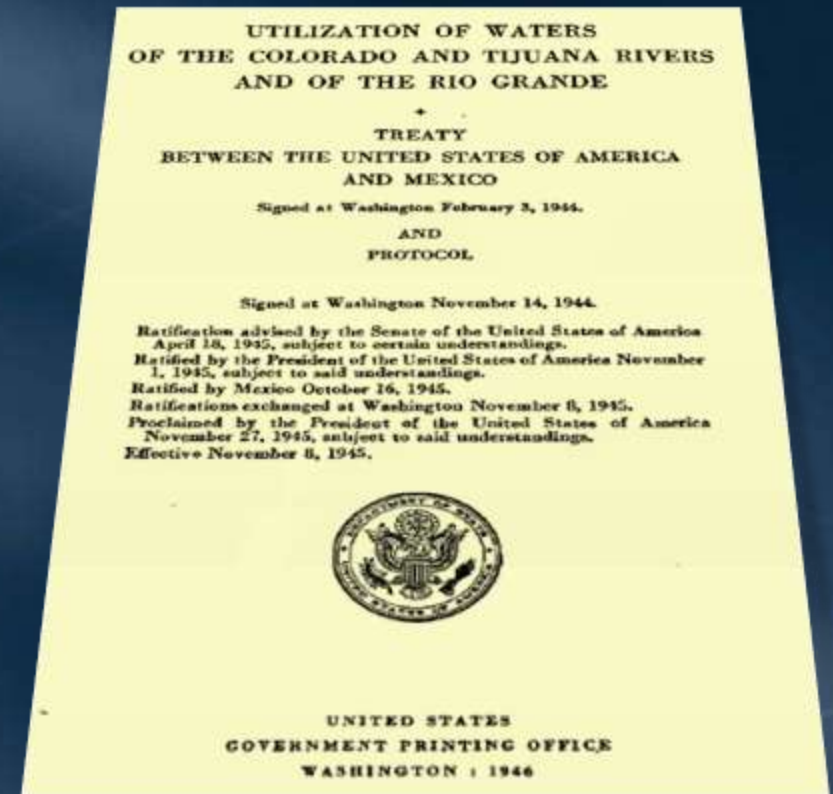
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U.S. – Mexico Conceptual Framework

- International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) Minute 317 outlines framework
 - Water conservation
 - New water sources
 - System operations
 - Environment
- Cooperative measures to be memorialized in future Minute



Potential Areas of Cooperation

- Agreed reduction in deliveries to Mexico during shortages
- Mexico storing water in U.S. reservoirs
- U.S. agencies investing in projects in Mexico
 - Water conservation
 - Desalination
 - Land fallowing
 - Environmental



Mexico and United States' Interests

- Mexico interested in surplus water
- Salinity impacts to be addressed
- Term based on 2007 Interim Guidelines
 - Storage provisions subject to termination in 2026
 - Term for other partnerships considered on project-by-project basis



Benefits to Metropolitan

- Potential water management program
- Encourages continued planning toward international water conservation and desalination projects
- Agreement to share in Colorado River shortages



Potential Cooperative Action

- U.S. agencies, including Metropolitan, obtaining Mexican water in exchange for funds to repair earthquake-damaged infrastructure
 - Discussions ongoing
 - Authorization to enter into agreements would require future Metropolitan Board approval



Next Steps

- Finalize Minute 318
- Negotiate draft agreements
- Conduct environmental review
- Have Metropolitan Board consider participating in a water management program