



Law of Colorado River





Where We Are, Where We Are Going

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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.





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HISTORY





IBWC History

The Beginning



Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848)

Established the international boundary after the Mexican-American War



Gadsden Treaty (1853)

Re-established the southern boundary of New Mexico and Arizona



Convention of July 29, 1882

Established a temporary commission to survey the land boundary and establish monuments





1944 Water Treaty

Colorado River



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Morelos Dam



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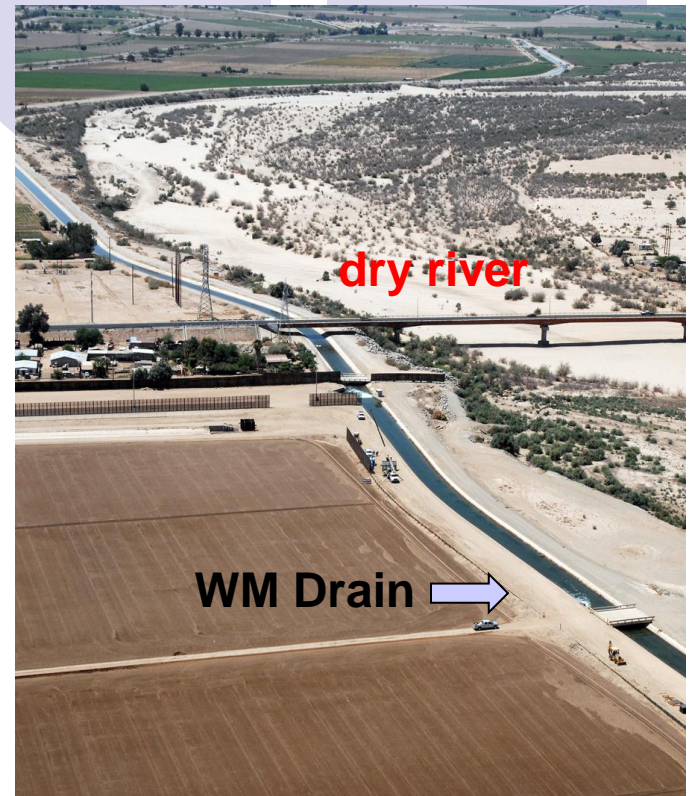
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Extraordinary drought:
Mexico allotment
“reduced in same proportion” to U.S.
allotment



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IBWC Minutes

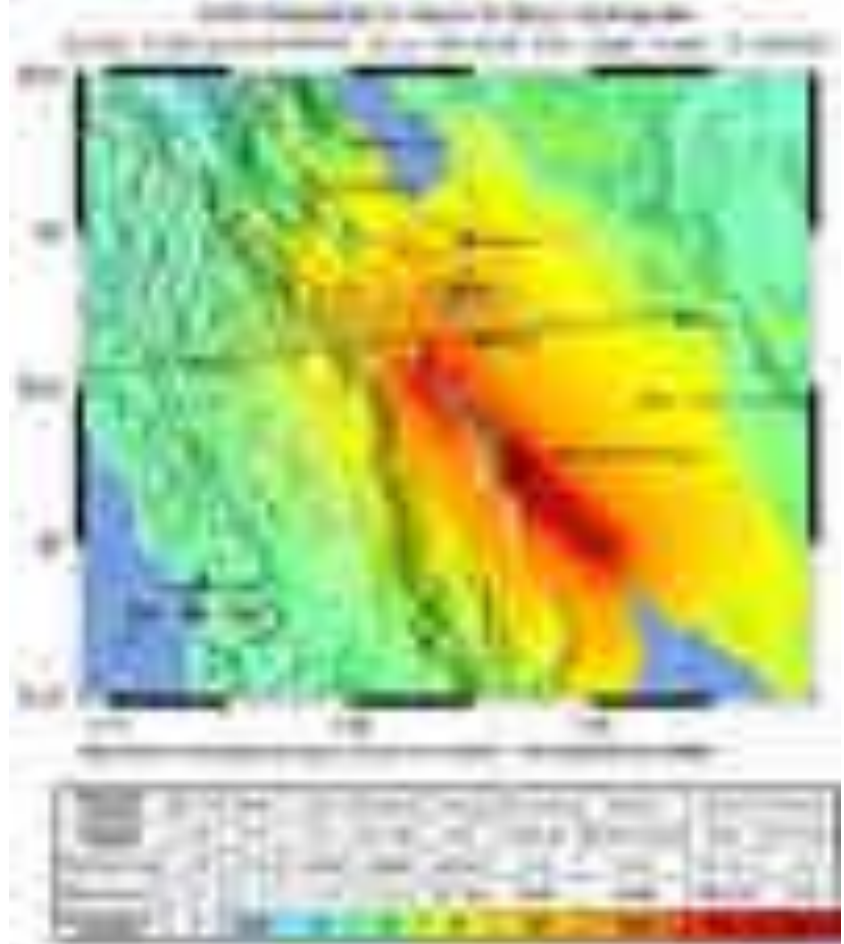
- Formalize IBWC agreements
- Legally binding
- Take effect upon signature and approval by both Governments
- Over 300 Minutes

IBWC Minute

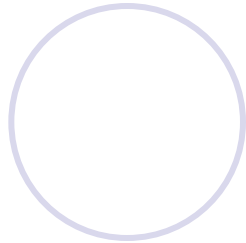
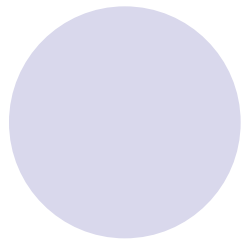


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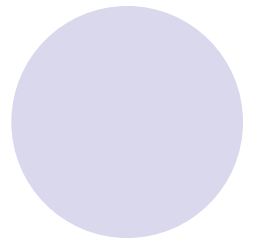
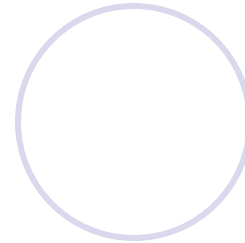
- Temporary remedy for earthquake damage to Mexico irrigation infrastructure that occurred April 2010
- Allows Mexico to delay deliveries of annual allotment IAW 1944 Water Treaty:
- Identify projects to minimize shortage conditions, generate additional volumes, conserve water, permit Mexico to use U.S. infrastructure to store water



Mexicali Valley Earthquake Damage



•MIN. 318



- Water stored from 2010-2013
- Mexico Annual allotment of 1.5 maf
- Mexico may accept delivery up to 1.7 maf if excess available
- Stored water increases Lake Mead's elevation
- Forestalls Lower Basin shortages

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