

GENERAL REEVALUATION REPORT AND
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT II:

RIO GRANDE FLOODWAY,
SAN ACACIA TO BOSQUE DEL APACHE UNIT,
SOCORRO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

**APPENDIX A –
Letters of Interest**

NEW MEXICO INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION



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August 8, 1988


Lt. Col. Kent R. Gonser
District Engineer
Albuquerque District Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 1580
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-1580

Dear Colonel:

This letter is in reply to your July 8, 1988, letter concerning local sponsorship of the Flood Protection Project for the west side of the valley of the Rio Grande from San Acacia to Elephant Butte Reservoir.

I will recommend to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission that the Commission solicit the support of the other interests identified in your letter and that the Commission fund a portion of the 25% local share of the cost of the project. The funding source for this project would be from the Improvement of the Rio Grande Income Fund, a trust fund administered by the Commission.

Sincerely,


S. E. Reynolds
Secretary

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April 22, 1984

Lt. Col. David E. Peixotto
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Albuquerque District
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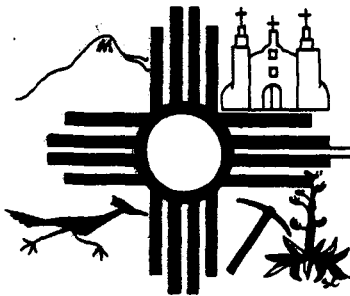
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cc: Bureau of Reclamation - Albuquerque
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Harold C. Dotson, Jr.
CITY CLERK

June 18, 1987

Army Corp. of Engineers
District Eng. Lt. Col. David Peixotto
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The Governing body for the City of Socorro would like to offer this letter of support for your project.

"Middle Rio Grande Floodway
San Acacia to Bosque Del Apache Unit"

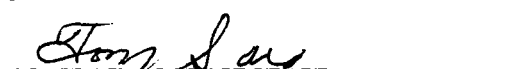
We are aware that the existing levees along the Rio Grande River in this area were not designed to act as flood control levees. We are deeply concerned that in the event of a major runoff the existing levees are estimated to fail at flows over 15,000 cfs. which would result in catastrophic loss of property and possibly life.

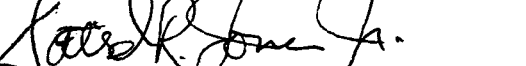
We ask the Army Corp. of Engineers to approve this project and prioritize it so the engineering for this project can begin as soon as possible..

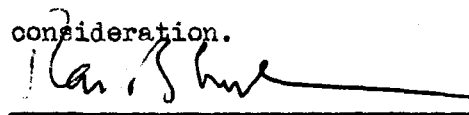
We thank you for your consideration.


Gladys Bacon Deschamps
Councillor



Gordy Hicks
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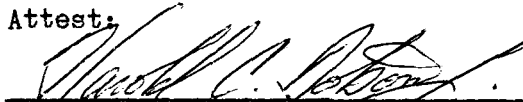

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Richard Lopez
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Angelo Meloro, Mayor

Attest:


Harold C. Dotson Jr., City Clerk

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