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USIBWC DEVELOPS 20-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) awarded Arcadis, of Highlands Ranch, Colo., a \$1,081,794 contract to develop a 20-Year Capital Plan. The plan will be used to assess long-term capital project requirements and establish funding of high-priority projects in a timely and cost-effective manner.

The kick-off for the contract was held on October 15, with the expected completion date in August 2025.

USIBWC will develop this plan based on prioritized ranking of projects and appropriate annual funding scenarios that will include escalation and inflation to help the agency better plan its programs for the next 20 fiscal years.

USIBWC manages important infrastructure and equipment along the international boundary extending from San Diego, Calif., to Brownsville, Texas. USIBWC is in the process of implementing an Enterprise Asset Management Program (EAMP) to provide long-term capital investment strategies. This contract will provide recommendations on the capital planning and management process to optimize business practices, address identified data gaps, and mitigate risks by taking a proactive approach to identify and implement preventative measures.

Besides the Capital Plan and EAMP, another key element of USIBWC's management strategy is a manpower analysis commissioned last year. USIBWC is currently implementing some of the recommendations from this comprehensive assessment of its organizational structure and existing workload dynamics.

“By managing all of the components of our infrastructure, understanding the manpower resources needed, and planning for capital investments with an eye to the future, we are positioning this agency to successfully continue to serve communities along the U.S.-Mexico border proactively instead of reactively,” said Dr. Maria-Elena Giner, P.E., USIBWC Commissioner. “The Capital Plan lays a foundation for a strong approach to identify current deficiencies and future funding needs.”

The following USIBWC capital management programs will be included in the updated 20-Year Capital Plan:

Water Management

- Reconstruction of American Canal
- Hydrologic Data Collection System Rehabilitation
- Channel Sediment Management
- Rio Grande Flood Control System Rehabilitation
- Safety of Rio Grande Dams

- Tijuana River Levee System Rehabilitation

Water Quality

- Tijuana Sewage Treatment Facilities
- Nogales Sewage Treatment Plant
- Nogales Trunkline and International Outfall Interceptor (IOI) Screen

Resource & Asset Management

- Facilities Renovation
- Heavy Equipment Replacement
- Deferred Maintenance and Repairs
- Critical Infrastructure Protection

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