

New River (Calexico), CA

Investigations

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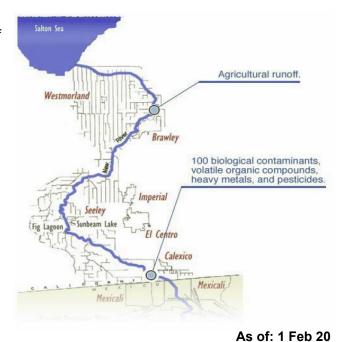
LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The New River drains about 1,260 square miles of land straddling the border of the U.S. and Mexico in the southern portion of Imperial County, Ca. Approximately 580 square miles of the watershed are within the U.S. The river is at the westerly boundary of the existing port-of-entry facilities and is directly in the path of the proposed expansion of Land Port of Entry at Calexico, Ca. The proposed study would transform the New River in the downstream from the Calexico area, from its current and foreseeable pollution conditions into a resource with significantly improved water quality that minimizes threats to public health.

<u>AUTHORIZATION:</u> Flood Control Act of 1941, (P.L. 77-228) WRDA 2007 Section 5158

ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2020: None

FY21 PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS: None. The District did not receive a Letter of Intent (LOI) from sponsor, which is a requirement to be considered for inclusion in the President's Budget.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: A workshop was held in 2010 with City of Calexico, Calexico New River Committee, USEPA, GSA, IBWC, RWQCB, State of California & other stakeholders to develop a collective strategy to address the water resource, land related problems & needs of the river. There are various authorities on the New River that address portions of the problem, but lack a comprehensive solution. A Feasibility study could be initiated under Flood Control Act 1941, Sec 4 for "All streams in San Diego & Imperial Counties, Ca, flowing to Salton Sea. There are 2 authorities under Sec 219 Environ Infrastructure that allow technical assist, planning, design & construction of water-related environ



FINANCIAL SUMMARY: **INVESTIGATIONS Estimated Federal Cost** \$1,700,000 Estimated Non-Federal Cost \$1,500,000 **Total Estimated Project Cost** \$3,200,000 Allocation thru FY19 \$0 \$0 Allocation for FY20 President's Budget for FY21 \$0 House Report for FY21 **TBD TBD** Senate Report for FY21 Balance to Complete After FY21 \$1,700,000

infrastructure & resource protection on U.S. side of the border. The City of Calexico's New River Committee requests that New River be encased past the City to a point where water can be treated by both mechanical & natural wetlands treatment processes. The proposed design would transform New River downstream from the Calexico area, from its current & foreseeable pollution conditions into a resource with significantly improved water quality that minimizes threats to public health. For a more comprehensive international & watershed wide solution, a new language is required.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congresspersons Vargas (CA-51)