

FACT SHEET
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Resacas at Brownsville, Texas

AUTHORIZATION: House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Resolution: November 10, 1999.

<u>SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:</u>		<u>FEASIBILITY</u>
Estimated Federal Cost		\$ 2,280,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost:		2,180,000
Cash	1,530,000	
Other	650,000	
Total Estimated Project Cost		\$ 4,460,300
Allocations thru FY 2002		280,000
Allocation for FY 2003		168,000
Budget Request for FY 2004		300,000
Balance to Complete After FY 2004		1,532,000
Amount that could be used in FY 2004		820,000

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The City of Brownsville is located along the Rio Grande River in south Texas. Resacas are small lakes and reservoirs formed from the meandering of the Rio Grande River, and are capable of providing a certain level of flood protection for the city (similar to detention reservoirs).

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2003: Continue feasibility study activities.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2004: FY 04 Budget Request of \$300,000 will be used for plan selection, project design, construction costs, and to prepare the draft environmental impact statement. Additional funding of \$520,000 would be used to maintain optimum study schedule.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: During the past ten years, siltation and plant growth have reduced the capacity and health of the Resacas. The feasibility study will investigate ways of restoring and preserving the Resacas. The Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement was executed on 17 April 2002. The Brownsville Public Utilities Board is the non-Federal sponsor.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: The Administration supports the study.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congressman Ortiz (TX-27), Senators Cornyn (TX) and Hutchison (TX).

DATE: February 7, 2003