RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rio Bosque Wetlands Park ("Rio Bosque") is a 372-acre nature park owned by the City of El Paso (the "City") and managed under license agreement by the University of Texas at El Paso ("UTEP") with the goal of re-establishing the mosaic of native habitats characteristic of El Paso's river valley in pre-settlement days; and

WHEREAS, Rio Bosque was identified in 1993 as the site for creation of a shallow-water emergent wetland as mitigation for impacts associated with the federally-funded construction of the Rio Grande American Canal Extension and with maintenance dredging on the Rio Grande Rectification Project; and

WHEREAS, the site-preparation work needed to prepare Rio Bosque for establishment of the wetland habitat was carried out in 1997; and

WHEREAS, to date, just one acre of shallow-water emergent wetland has been established at Rio Bosque due to lack of water during the growing season, thereby hindering the realization of the park's full biological, educational, recreational and economic potential; and

WHEREAS, UTEP and its partners are working to achieve cooperative solutions that can provide water to Rio Bosque during the growing season in ways that are compatible with other regional water-management activities and with the management goals for the park; and

WHEREAS, El Paso Water Utilities ("EPWU"), the City's Public Service Board ("PSB"), the Count of El Paso, and El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 ("El Paso No. 1") are all vital and necessary partners in these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City is supportive of these efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to send letters on behalf of the El Paso City Council to the President/Chief Executive Officer of EPWU/PSB, the members of the PSB, the members of the El Paso County Commissioners Court, and the General Manager of El Paso Water Improvement District No. 1 expressing the City of El Paso's appreciation for the efforts of each entity to help find a solution to meeting Rio Bosque's water needs during the growing season and expressing the City's strong desire that each continue to work diligently until such a solution is found and fully achieved.

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Approved this ____ day of _____ 2012.

CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Theresa Cullen
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Deputy City Attorney

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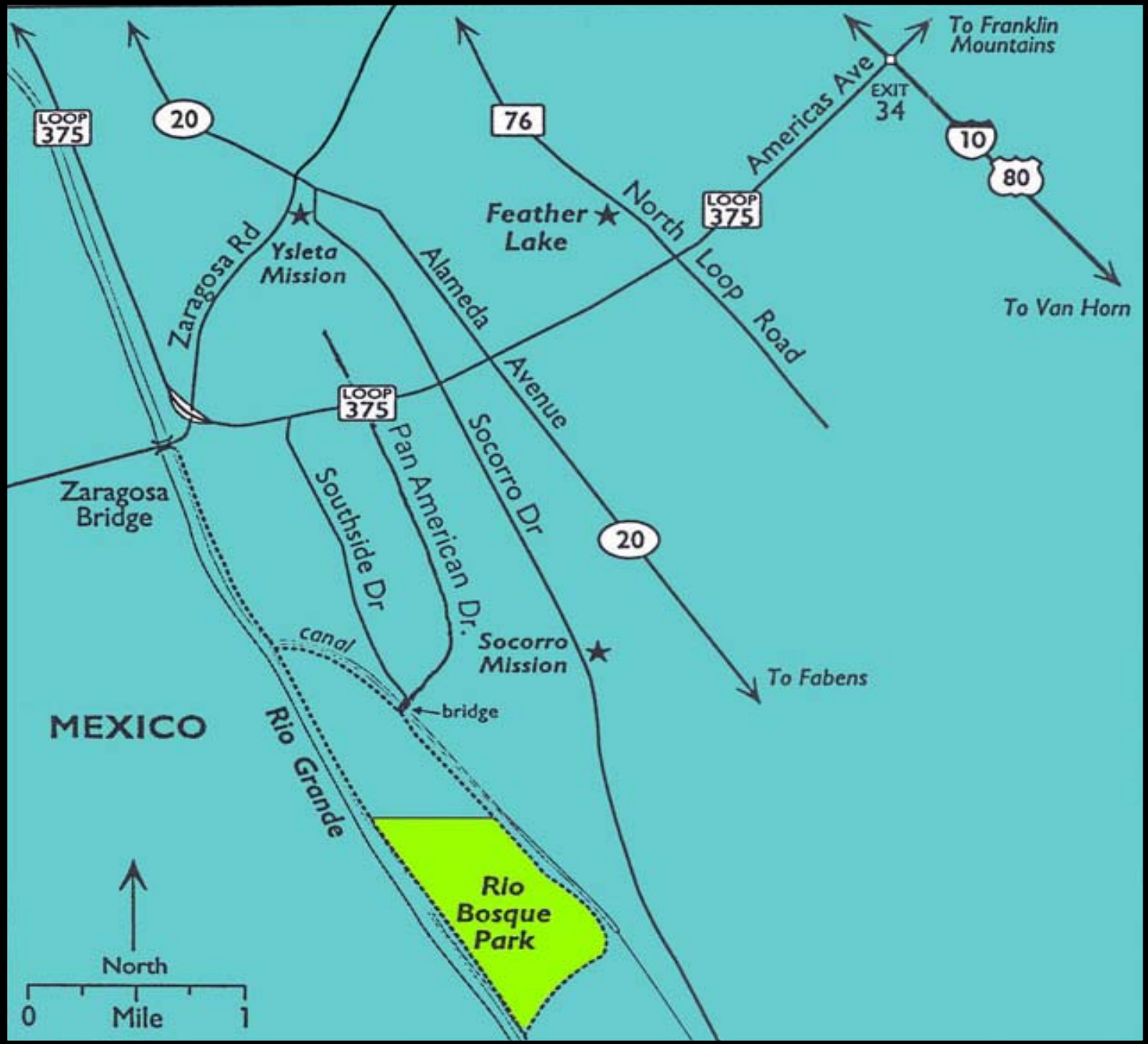
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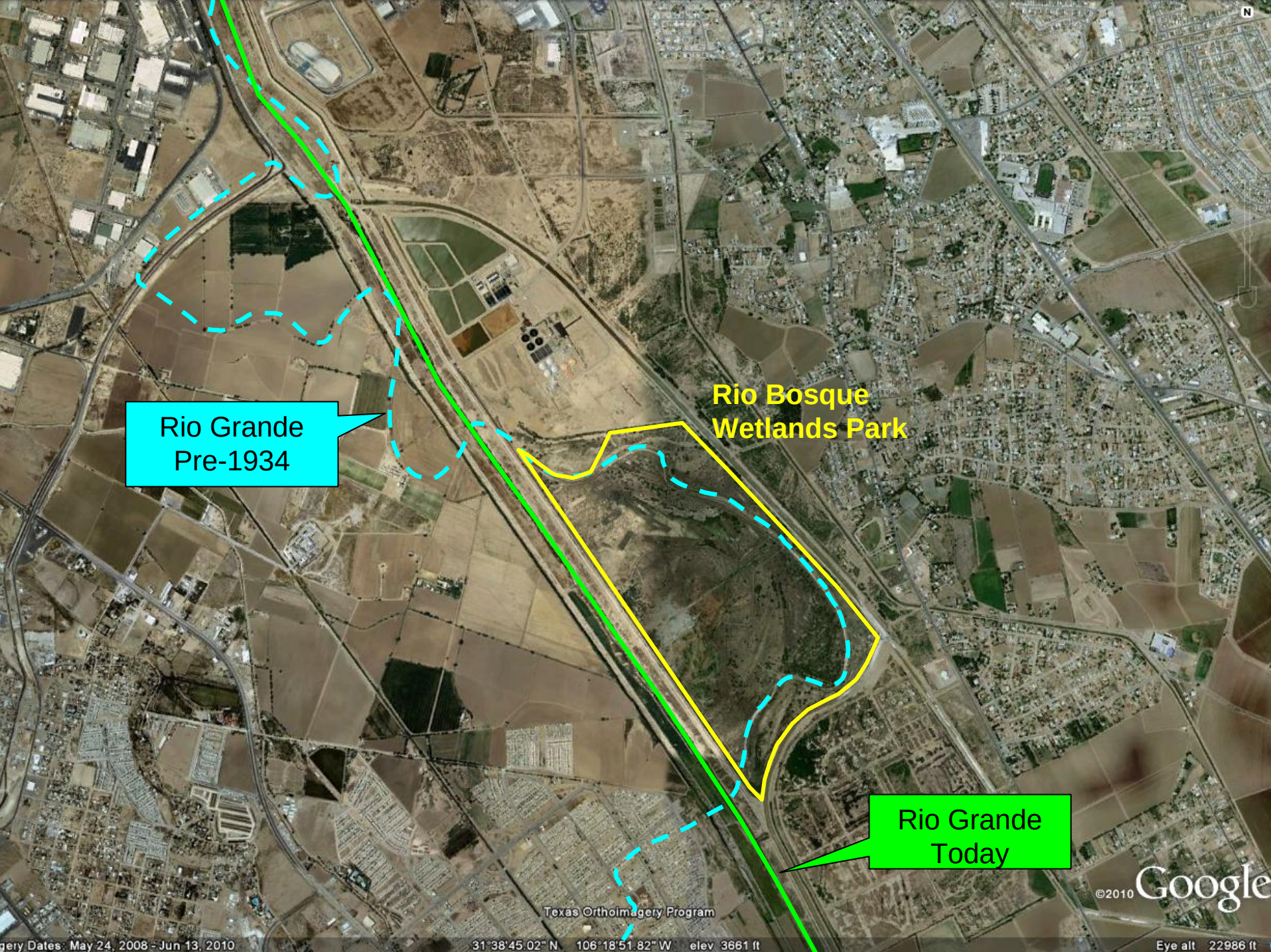
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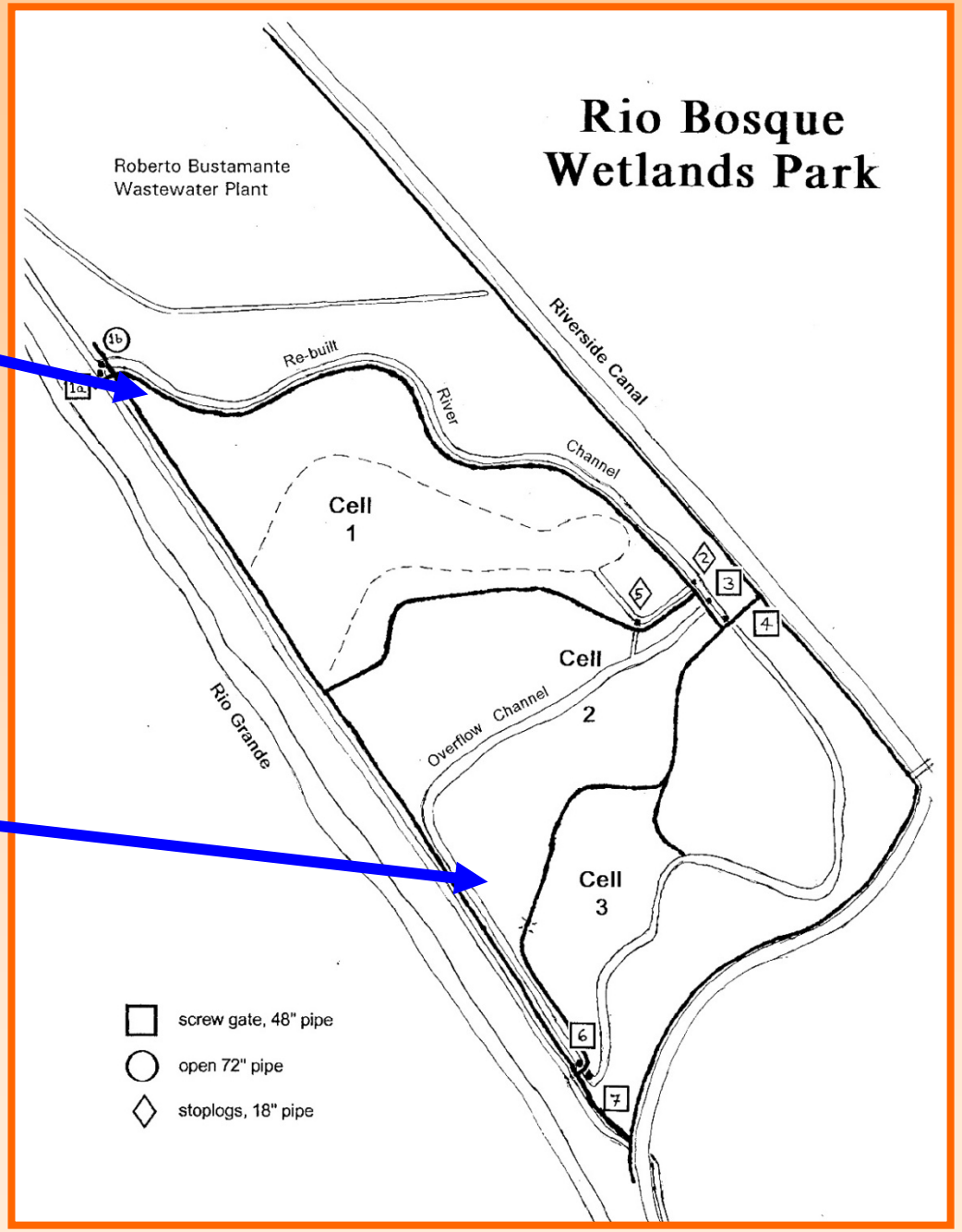
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Rio Grande
1a
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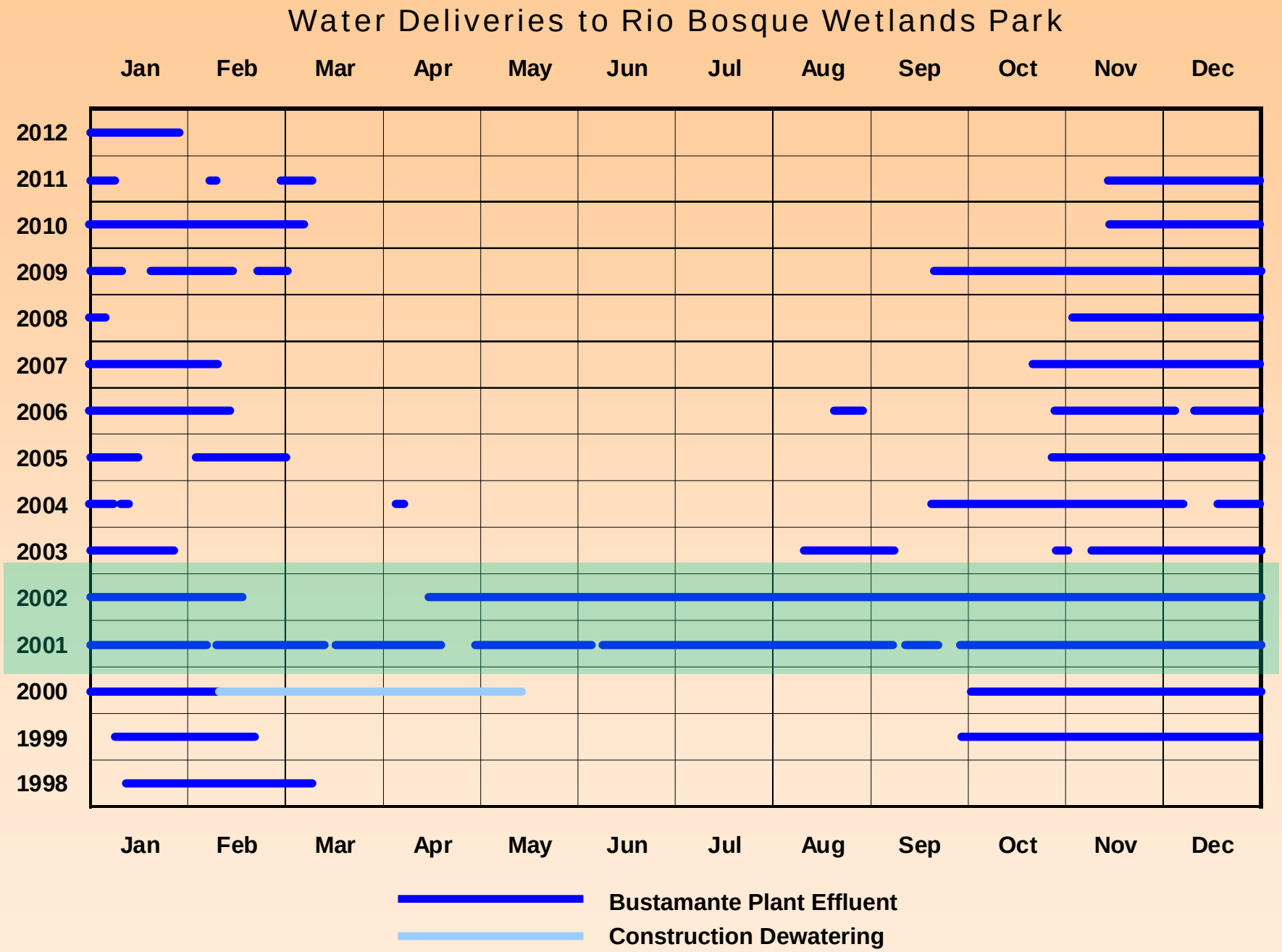
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2008
2007
2006
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2004
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1999
1998
Bustamante Plant Effluent
Construction Dewatering

Well
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Riverside Canal

Proposed
Turnout
Location

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

Location of Proposed Turnout from Riverside Canal to Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

Sweetwater Wetlands,Tucson, AZ