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**Meeting Minutes**

TxDOT El Paso District

Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project

El Paso County, CSJ 2552-04-027

Contract No. 24-648P5001

HNTB Project No. 42085

**Meeting Date**: May 16, 2013

**Location**: IBWC HQ @ 4171 N. Mesa, Bldg C 100

**Subject**: Loop 375 Border Highway West(BHW) Project outfalls into IBWC jurisdiction.

**Attendees**:

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| TxDOT Marty Boyd (ELP District)  Halff  Kevin Lipnicky  MCI  Marvin Gomez  HNTB  Jose Luis Sierra | IBWC  Jose Nunez  John Merino  Duane Price  Elizabeth Verdecchia  Valentin Arzola Jr. |

**Discussion Items:**

This meeting was a follow up to the 3/22/13 IBWC coordination meeting regarding TxDOT’s Lp-375 BHW project drainage outfalls, as relating to satisfy IBWC requirements to obtain licenses for those outfalls. Mr. Arzola opened the meeting, and turned meeting over to Marvin. Marvin reviewed the revised BHW drainage and outfall Exhibits, at length.

Key subjects discussed during the meeting:

* Marvin, high-lighted the numerous BHW retention ponds were being constructed to capture, as much BHW project runoff, as possible. Thereby, minimizing drainage impacts to IBWC outfalls.
* In reply to question by Ms. Verdecchia, Marvin, assured her all proposed BHW outfalls into IBWC jurisdictional waters were coordinated with URS and proposed IBWC future levee construction, presently on hold due to limited federal budget. Additionally, proposed BHW outfalls can be constructed independently of proposed levee.
* A detailed Drainage Comparison Analysis on BHW outfalls and impacts on river flows, was provided by Marvin, clearly and effectively indicating that due to the numerous upstream retention ponds to be constructed to serve the BHW project, several of the outfalls would have a reduced impacts on river flows, compared to present flows.(see attached pdf-3rd sheet).
* Mr. Nunez and Mr. Merino, asked how much would the project cost, when would the project go to construction and how long it may take to build. Reply was sometime in 2015, and as much as 36 months, possibly. At a construction cost of over $500 million, and total for all project costs at approx. $726 million.
* Mr. Price indicated that Exhibits and drainage calculations looked good to submit for their review and proceed with the process of obtaining licenses. He raised the prospect of possibly placing all submitted BHW project proposed outfalls under one license. He requested we submit a formal package with a formal TxDOT staff member who will sign off on documents.
* Ms. Verdeccia requested Drainage outfalls submittal package include the BHW project FEIS.

**Action Items:**

| **TxDOT** | **WHAT** | **WHO** | **WHEN** |
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| 1 | Prepare and submit TxDOT formal letter requesting licenses approval by IBWC of the applicable BHW project outfalls. | Marty Boyd | Friday, May 17 |
| 2 | Submit six hard copies of complete package of proposed BHW Drainage outfalls exhibits presented, and one electronic copy. | Marvin Gomez | Friday,  May 17 |
| 3 | Submit State Final EIS electronic copy. | Jose Luis Sierra | Friday,  May 17 |
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| **IBWC** | **WHAT** | **WHO** | **WHEN** |
| 1 | Review of BHW project Drainage outfalls package submittal, to be further reviewed by their internal applicable departments. | Duane Price | Next 4 weeks |

This is our understanding of items discussed and decisions reached. Please contact us if there are changes or additions.

Submitted by,

**HNTB CORPORATION**

Darrin Willer / Jose Luis Sierra

cc: Marty Boyd, Valentin Arzola, Marvin Gomez, Kevin Lipniky, Duane Price, ProjectWise