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LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT OPERATIONS UPDATE

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) continues to monitor Rio Grande flow conditions in close coordination with the National Weather Service as the river continues to rise from precipitation related to Hurricane Dolly. Above-normal flows are likely to continue in the Lower Rio Grande Valley for several days. These flows are not expected to pose any problems for the U.S. flood control levees.

Precipitation in the upstream portion of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and adjacent tributaries is causing the Rio Grande to rise. These flows will move downstream to the Gulf of Mexico over the next few days. Communities along the river should expect to see above-normal river flow during this period. Based on current data, the USIBWC does not expect to divert any flow into the U.S. interior floodway system.

USIBWC crews continue to patrol Rio Grande Flood Control Project levees to assess conditions and respond to any problems that could arise. Crews are onsite responding to the failure of a drainage structure at FM 491 and the south levee of the Arroyo Colorado Floodway near Mercedes. The problem obstructed the flow of water from a drainage canal into the floodway, causing the canal to overflow.

Residents concerned about Rio Grande conditions should continue to monitor National Weather Service forecasts.

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