

Binational Rio Grande Summit



Cooperation for a Better Future

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Cumbre Binacional del Río Bravo

RECOMMENDATIONS

WORK GROUP ON LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

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Recommendations:

- Interpret the term extraordinary drought as it is used in Article 4 of the 1944 Treaty.
- That IBWC/CILA comply with its functions under the 1944 Treaty.

Additional comments:

- With the common objective of establishing alternatives to cooperate within the legal limits develop and present to both governments a legal analysis relative to the distribution and use of hydraulic resources in the Rio Grande basin
- Improve the exchange of binational information within IBWC/CILA and within the realm of the Treaty and associated Minutes to improve the compliance in time and form of the commitments established with the existing legal framework.
- Guarantee the use of available water in conformity with the order of preferences established in the 1944 Treaty for the benefit of the community.
- Should the Brownsville weir be constructed, IBWC/CILA should work together to develop the necessary water accounting procedures.
- That IBWC/CILA establish a process to review deliveries pursuant to the 1944 Treaty and volumes of water in storage on an annual basis.
- Management of water in the basin particularly in the Treaty Tributaries should respect the obligations under the Treaty of 1944.