







# Supplemental Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment for Tortugas Site 1 Dam (OSE D-270) Agency/Tribal/Stakeholder Meeting Comment Form

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) along with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District is proposing the Tortugas Arroyo Watershed Dam No. 1 (Tortugas Site 1 Dam) rehabilitation in Las Cruces, New Mexico within Doña Ana County, see attached map. The purpose of the project is to analyze the flood protection capabilities of the Tortugas Site 1 Dam, as it currently exists in comparison with current NRCS and New Mexico Office of the State Engineer Dam Safety Bureau (NMOSE-DSB) dam performance, design, and safety standards, along with analyzing other opportunities to maintain or improve flood damage reduction and flood protection opportunities for the downstream community.

If you have any information within the proposed project area or surrounding area, such as existing condition information, studies, previous environmental assessments, and previous environmental impact statements, please note below. Please provide any comments you have on resource concerns on the attached resource table. You may provide written comments by mail or email (using this form or direct comments to) by February 22, 2025:

USDA NRCS New Mexico, Attn: Merceidez Fabok, 100 Sun Avenue Northeast, Suite 602, Albuquerque, NM 87109-3434 or email <i>Merceidez.Fabok@usda.gov</i>

#### Closing Comments

#### **Final Thoughts**

- Planning phase of a bigger project.
- Schedules and timelines are targets, not rigid.
- The participation of public and agencies is voluntary BUT CRITICAL TO A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT.
- The project is intended to reflect the values and opinions of the local agencies and community whenever possible.
- Project webpage: <a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/watershed-and-flood-prevention-operations-wfpo-program/new-mexico/watershed">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/watershed-and-flood-prevention-operations-wfpo-program/new-mexico/watershed</a>

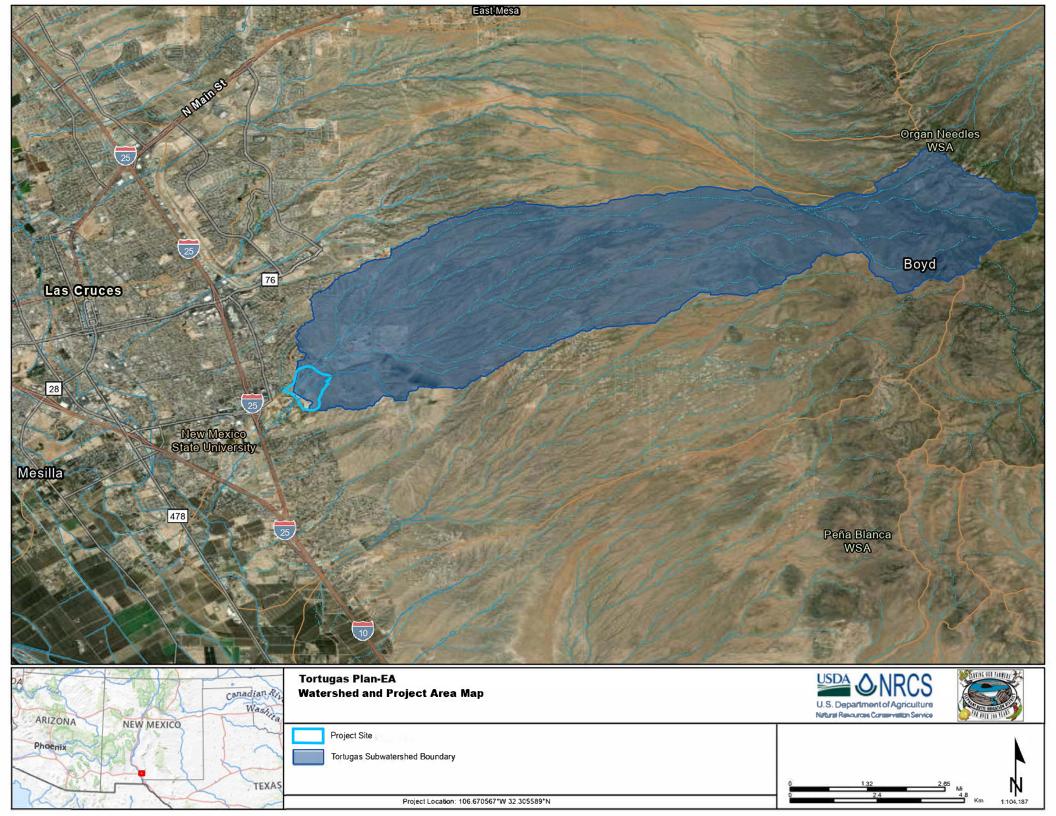
Contact Merceidez Fabok with the NRCS:

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Comments/Questions are due to NRCS by: Saturday February 22, 2025



Name (Optional):	
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ITEM/ CONCERN	How Important is this Resource in relation to the Project?			Why?
	Not	Little	Very	
			Soil-	-Related Concerns
Soil Resources				
Prime and Unique Farmland				
			Wate	r-Related Concerns
Water Resources				
Sole Source Aquifers				
Water Quality				
Floodplain Management				

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Waters of the US				
Regional Water Resource Plans				
Wild and Scenic Rivers				
			Air-l	Related Concerns
Air Quality				
		Pla	ant and A	Animal-Related Concerns
Threatened and Endangered Species				
Migratory Birds				
Bald and Golden Eagles				

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ITEM/ CONCERN	How Important is this Resource in relation to the Project?			Why?			
	Not	Little	Very				
Essential Fish Habitat							
Critical Habitat							
Ecologically Critical Areas							
Invasive Species							
Fish and Wildlife							
Natural Areas							
Riparian Areas							
Forest Resources							

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Wetlands				
			Human	Use-Related Concerns
Cultural Resources/ Historic Properties/ Tribal Consultation				
Environmental Justice and Civil Rights				
Social Issues				
Local, Regional, National Economy				
Public Health and Safety				
Scenic Beauty				

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	Not	Little	Very				
Parklands							
Scientific Resources							
Land Use							
Recreation							
			Ecosyste	em Services Concerns			
Provisioning							
Regulating							
Supporting							

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Cultural  Other Concerns?		How Important is this Resource in relation to the		the	Why?			
Other Concerns?		Not	Little	Very				
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