

FACT SHEET  
**Río Descalabrado - Santa Isabel, PR (205)**  
 Construction (C)  
 Congressional District: Puerto Rico

### **1. DESCRIPTION**

The Río Descalabrado drains a 19 square-mile watershed into the Caribbean Sea, central south coast of Puerto Rico. Playita Cortada, a rural community of 500 families and 15 commercial outlets, is in the coastal flood plain. The 1985 flood, associated with the 100-year event for Río Descalabrado and Río Coamo, caused elevations in excess of three feet and left 50 families homeless in the area. The recommended plan would provide SPF flood protection and consists of an earthen levee along the west, north, and east sides of Playita Cortada and minimum drainage ditches to convey the local runoff. The project would also include a mitigation plan to restore 31 acres of mangroves located at the southeast corner of the community. Section 205 of the 1948 River and Harbor Act as amended authorizes this study.

### **2. FUNDING**

Estimated Total Cost	\$ 8,969,000
Estimated Federal Cost	7,000,000
Allocation thru FY13	1,191,700
Allocation for FY14	25,000
President's Budget FY15	0

Project is a Section 205 Continuing Authorities Program project.

### **3. SPONSOR**

Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources  
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 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00906-5887

### **4. STATUS**

Plans and Specifications (P&S) were 30% complete, when halted due to unavailability of Federal funds in the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP). As per USACE guidelines, project costs, benefits and environmental compliance must be updated after 3-5 years. Division instructed District to enter into a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) with Sponsor to update feasibility report. In FY 2009 a VE study was conducted in which project costs levels were updated and confirmed CAP project eligibility. FCSA execution put on hold due to lack of sponsor interest and Federal funding. Project included in FY 2014 CAP budget to update feasibility report.



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