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FACT SHEET
Río Grande de Arecibo, PR
Construction (C)
Congressional District: Puerto Rico

1. DESCRIPTION

This project was authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, Section 101(a)(26). The drainage basin covers 272 square miles characterized by steep mountains and the associated high velocity runoff. Extensive floods occurred in May and October 1985, January 1992, and again in September 1996 with Hurricane Hortense. When Hurricane Georges hit the island in 1998, the municipality of Arecibo experienced the 100-year flood event, resulting in significant damages to commercial and residential properties and the loss of the Victor Rojas Bridge. In the aftermath of Hurricane Georges, the President's Long-Term Recovery Task Force identified the construction of the Arecibo flood control project a top priority. The recommended plan combines a floodwall and two miles of levee along the Arecibo River; channel improvements, a plug, and channel diversion on the Santiago River; and a short levee on the Tanamá River.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	$ 65,200,000
Estimated Federal Cost	45,200,000
Allocation thru FY13	20,270,929
Allocation for FY14	0
President's Budget FY15	0

3. SPONSOR

Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources
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4. STATUS

Contract 1, the Arecibo and Tanamá Levees and the Rio Santiago Diversion Channel, was turned over to the Non-Federal Sponsor for continued operation and maintenance on 10 January 2012. Plans and Specifications for Contract 2A are complete for the design of 3 bridges and part of Rio Santiago Canal. Sponsor initiated land acquisition for Contract 2A in FY 2008. A Post Authorization Change Report is currently underway to update the authorized total project cost.

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RÍO TANAMA
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PUERTO RICO