

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

REGION 5 AMARILLO, TEXAS BOX 1609

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Commissioner

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From:

Regional Director

Subject: Acquisition of land for canals, laterals and drains -

donation deed from Clifford C. Bills, et ux -

Rio Grande Project

Reference is made to letter dated April 24, 1953 from Assistant Commissioner Lineweaver to all Regional Directors, subject: "Acquisition of title for canals, laterals and drains"; also to our letter to your office dated July 17, 1953 in connection therewith.

By letter to this office dated July 3. 1953 the Project Manager, El Paso, submitted a donation quitclaim deed from Clifford C. Bills and wife dated June 8, 1953 conveying 11.06 acres of land for a right of way for the relocation of the outlet of a drain on the Rio Grande Project. In submitting this deed, the Project Manager advised that the negotiations for this right of way had been under way for some time and preceded the date of a letter of May 13, 1953. by this office to the Rio Grande Project and other regional offices which enclosed a copy of and called attention to your letter above mentioned. It was also pointed out in the project's letter that Mr. Bills had obtained a partial release of a deed of trust covering the right of way described in the donation deed in order that the land involved could be sold to the United States without there being an encumbrance against it. The partial release has been recorded in the proper county records.

In view of the negotiations that were under way and the fact that a partial release of a deed of trust has been obtained, the Project Manager is of the opinion that it is not desirable nor practicable to reverse our position and request an instrument other than the one obtained. We concur in this opinion and request that we be authorized to accept the donation deed granted. The deed has been approved for legal sufficiency by the office of the Regional Counsel.

H. E. Robbins

Copy to: Project Manager, El Paso Regional Counsel

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June 29, 1953

Hon. L. M. Lawson Commissioner, American Section International Boundary and Water Commission First National Bank Building El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Lawson:

The Border Spur Drain No. 1 at present crosses
San Elizario Grant, Block 62, Tracts 3 and 1, and discharges
into the Border Intercepting Drain on the east boundary of
Tract 1. It is proposed to abandon that portion of the Spur
Drain through Tract 1 and to reconstruct the drain along the
east boundary of Tract 3 with a 36-inch culvert pipe under
the Wingo Reserve Road, which will discharge the drain flow
into the Border Intercepting Drain approximately 2000-feet
above the existing inlet location. This plan is shown in
color on El Paso Valley Sheet 24, a copy of which is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the Border Intercepting Drain is on International Boundary and Water Commission rights of way, it will be appreciated if you will review this plan and advise us if the proposed relocation of the discharge for the Border Spur Drain No. 1 meets with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. Resch Project Manager

Enclosure





