April 11, 2022

A notice to the general public, owners, lessees, and users of lands along the Rio Grande

The general public, owners, lessees, and users of lands on the United States bank of the Rio Grande are hereby notified that lands along the banks of the river (floodplain), depending upon their elevation, are subject to periodic flooding from local tributary inflows and by releases from Falcon Dam. This notice is given as a public service to advise and inform you that human life, property, livestock, and other activities, existing or proposed, may be subject to flood damage, and are maintained or undertaken at your own risk.

The International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) will operate Falcon Dam to regulate and convey normal/flood flows. Please be advised that during flood releases from Falcon Dam and/or localized heavy rainfall, the Rio Grande will unavoidably overflow its channel and may adversely impact interests along its banks. Please refer to your local National Weather Service office for flood information during these events.

To protect life and property and to avoid potential obstruction or deflection of flows within the Rio Grande floodplain, the general public, owners, lessees, and users of land along the Rio Grande are advised for their own safety and for security of their properties to contact their county officials and the United States Section, IBWC, P.O. Box 1, Falcon Heights, Texas 78545, telephone number (956) 754-0565, before making any use of the lands or constructing improvements on the lands along the river.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maria-Elena Giner, P.E.
Commissioner