



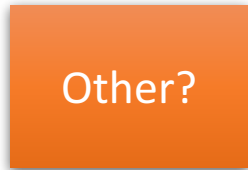
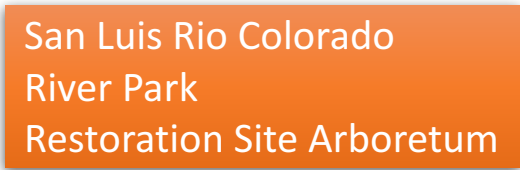
# Colorado River Sisters Initiative



NWCCOG  
QQ Quarterly Board Meeting  
June 29, 2017

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**Prospective Official River Sisters**  
 Mission: To celebrate and raise awareness of our hydrological, social, and economic interdependencies



<b>US Convener:</b> OWOW <b>MX Convener:</b> San Luis Rio Colorado
<b>US-MX Coordinador:</b> WRA <b>MX Coordinador:</b> Pronatura Noroeste
<b>Project Manager:</b> Colorado Foundation for Water Education
<b>Partners:</b> Colorado River District, Denver Water, San Luis Rio Colorado Water Authority, Audubon (US-MX), ProNatura (MX-US), Colorado Water Trust, Colorado Mesa University, OWOW, Colorado State University, Autonomous University of Baja California, WRA, Denver Botanic Gardens, Americas Latino Eco Festival, Nuestro Rio

**Strategy**  
*Build strong and durable partnerships between key water leaders and communities in the U.S. and Mexico that rely on the CO River to create a shared "source to sea" vision of the River for its protection and restoration.*

**Key Benchmarks**  
 —River Sisters MOU signed between mayors  
 —Water leadership exchange program established

**Strategy**  
*Assist the development of a river park and arboretum in San Luis Rio Colorado to establish the value of river-based urban recreation and education in the Delta and reconnect the people with the River*

**Key Benchmarks**  
 —Recreational values of urban CO River flows in MX recognized  
 —MOU signed between universities, Denver Botanical Gardens, and city to design park and wetland arboretum  
 —Technical studies and designs produced

<b>Convener:</b> San Luis Rio Colorado
<b>US-MX Coordinator:</b> WRA
<b>Project Manager:</b> Pronatura Noroeste
<b>Partners (Phase 1, design charrette and technical studies):</b> Autonomous University of Baja California, OWOW, Colorado State University, Denver Botanic Gardens, MX and US business consortium

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Mayor Reina and other Mexican dignitaries from San Luis Rio Colorado and the state of Sonora with:

1. Mayor of Denver and his staff, and Latino Eco Festival Executive Director
2. Town Manager and water leaders from Grand Lake
3. Mayor and City Council of Glenwood Springs, and Chief of Engineering of the Colorado River District.

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Cd. Juárez, Chihuahua, Tijuana, B.C., Mexicali, B.C., Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Nogales, Sonora, Acuña, Coahuila.

October 2015: River Park project covered by the newsletter of the International Boundary and Water Commission



March 2017: Mayor Reina Signing MOU with Prof. Jorge Ramirez and Autonomous University of Baja California for production of preliminary studies for River Park



April 5 World Water Day: Mayor Reyna Presentation of River Park and River Sisters Initiative



May 2017, Mayor Reyna at IMPLAN with directors of all municipal agencies recommending River Park as top infrastructure priority project with River Park Planning Committee members



# MOVING FORWARD | River Sisters

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- **Mayor's MOU Signing Ceremony**
- **Leadership Exchange and Training**
- **River Park Design**



## **Bi-national Water Leaders Exchange**

- Reciprocal experience to share each other's work/concerns through the lens of leadership development
- Cohort of 16 participants from River Sister Cities, partner organizations and others by invitation
- Two 3-day sessions in 2018 — Colorado River delta and headwaters
- Blend components of CFWE's Water Leaders and Water Fluency
- Sessions on local water management framework, current issues, innovative projects (e.g. Delta Water Trust, Colorado Water Trust)
- Site Visits (e.g. Laguna Grande restoration site tour, proposed river park site tour, system conservation work sites in CO)



# Bi-national Water Leaders Exchange

## Desired Outcomes

- Develop outstanding, multi-year program
- Build bi-national network of committed leaders with mutual interests
- Improve efficacy of leadership
- Ultimately improve outcomes for the Colorado River, source to sea



**Leadership Training and Exchange Proposal**  
**Project Manager Colorado Foundation for Water Education**



# River Park, San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico



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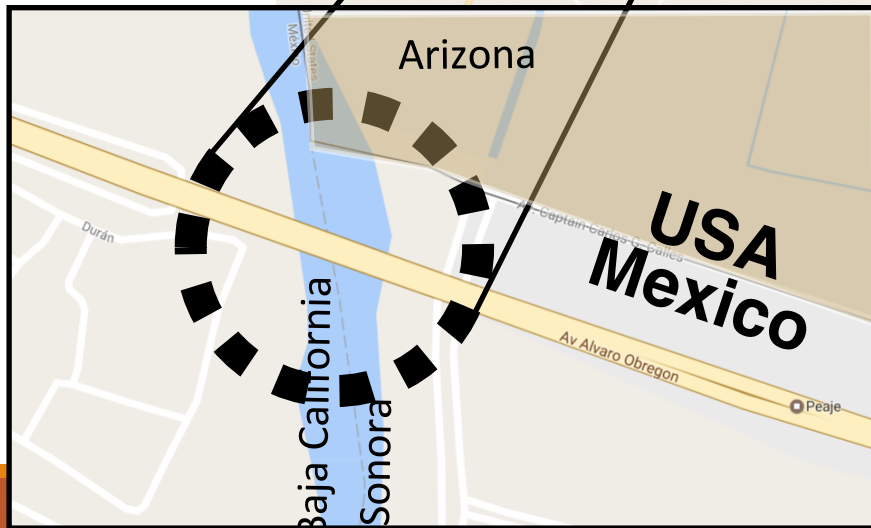
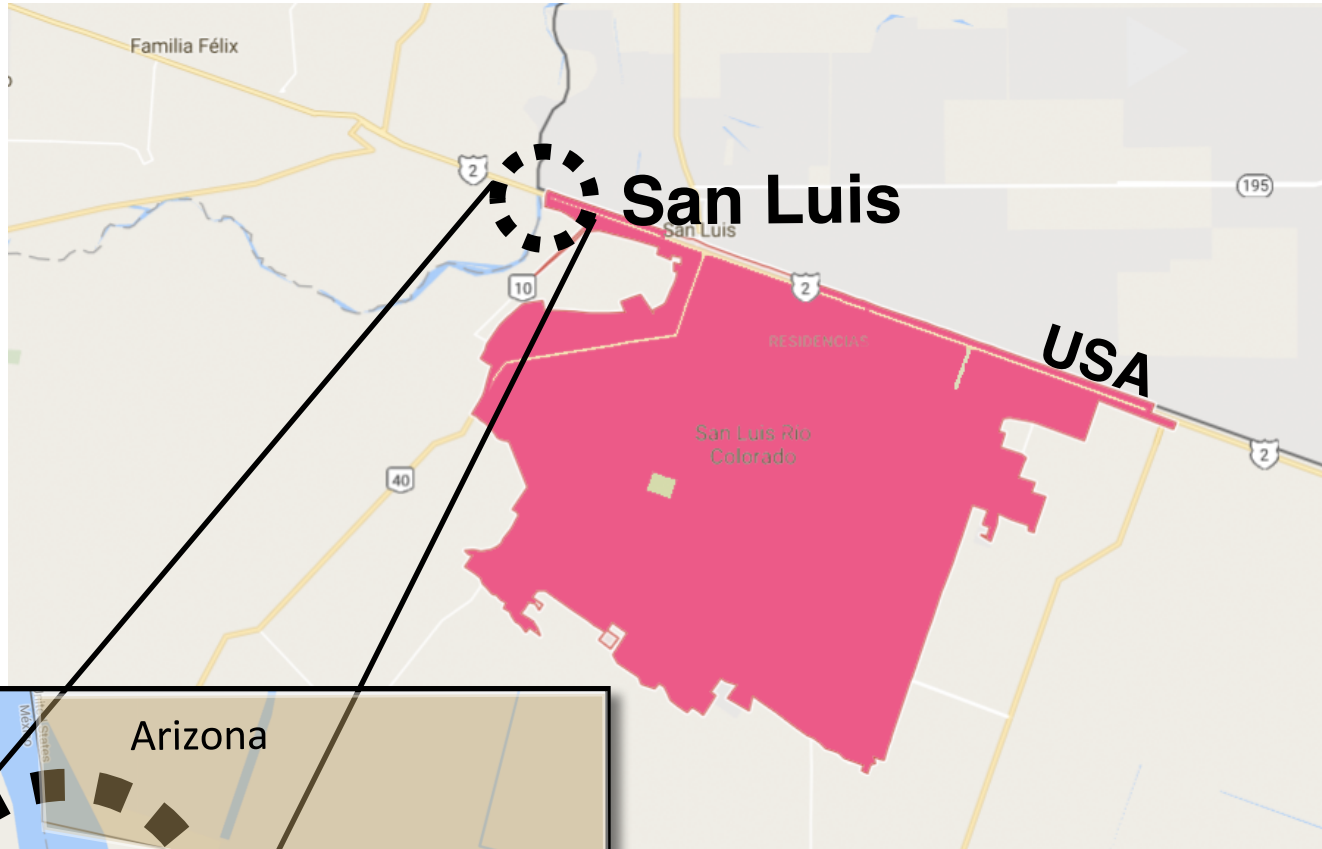


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## Participants

San Luis Rio Colorado

Pronatura Noroeste

Universidad Autónoma de Baja California

Metropolitan State University

Colorado State University

Denver Botanic Gardens

Design Workshop, Inc.

Western Resource Advocates

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## Timeline

### Current and Ongoing

- Preliminary Considerations, with case studies
- Hydrologic, land tenure, and earthmoving studies

### Fall 2017 and Winter 2018

- Workshop preparation

### March 2018

- 5-day Workshop in San Luis Rio Colorado

### April, May 2018

- River Park Vision Plan



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# Gracias!

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