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# FACT SHEET Río Culebrinas – Aguadilla, PR (205)

Construction (C)
Congressional District: Puerto Rico

#### 1. DESCRIPTION

This study is authorized by Section 205 of the 1948 River and Harbor Act, as amended. The Río Culebrinas basin, located in the northwestern part of Puerto Rico, has an area of 272 square kilometers. Floods represent a threat to life and property of residents from Aguadilla and Aguada, with a combined population of approximately 120,000 inhabitants. The preliminary plan consists of a 1.1 kilometer long, 3.3 meters high, and a levee from Highway 2 to the Espinar community. The levee would prevent floods from Río Culebrinas to enter the Caño Madre Vieja drainage area. This alternative would provide effective flood protection to urban areas of Aguadilla and Aguada.

## 2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$6,971,700
Estimated Federal Cost	\$4,419,500
Allocation thru FY15	\$552,455
Allocation for FY16	\$0
President's Budget FY17	\$0

Project is a Section 205 Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) project.

## 3. SPONSOR

The Municipality of Aguadilla P.O. Box 1008, Victoria Station Aguadilla, Puerto Rico 00605

#### 4. STATUS

Feasibility report was completed in July 2002. Initiation of plans and specifications was put on hold at request of Sponsor due to development in vicinity of project site. Recently, Sponsor voiced renewed interest in continuing project design. However, per Corps of Engineers guidelines, project costs, benefits and environmental compliance must be updated after 3-5 years. Federal funding received in FY13. Non-Federal sponsor provided matching funds as per the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA). Feasibility report update concluded due to project cost surpassing the CAP Federal project funding limit threshold. As per current Corps of Engineers Headquarters guidance, the project will be converted to a General Investigations study, pursuant to Section 7001, WRRDA 14. Non-Federal sponsor submitted Section 7001 request letter to Headquarters on 22 December 2015.





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