



All comments will become part of the public record for this project.

Drought Conditions

Water limitations will continue to be a major consideration when considering future development. Global warming may play an important part in what appears to be a years long drought. The indications are evident every where one looks along the border region. Lake Amistad, near Del Rio, Texas is lower now than at any time in the last sixty years. The Nueces River no longer runs and appears to be almost dry except to a few low sites. Las Moras Creek has also stopped running like it had been for centuries. Farming that depends upon irrigation has been limited. The cattle business that depends upon good pasture lands is no longer an option. Herds are being sold at depressed prices as grass feed is limited and very expensive.

The month of May is normally the best chance for seasonal rains. So far the area has seen some of the hottest days on record for this time of year. "Pray for Rain" signs are posted where cattle once grazed. The Rio Grand depends upon what Lake Amistad can send us down river. Economic development in the area is already exceeding the current water resources available for additional development. Our planet is warming. The Great Lakes are ice free for weeks before they had been in past years. When I resided in northern New York State the ice would freeze and not become ice free until the middle of April. This year the ice was mostly gone by the first week in March.

Yet when I attended a public hearing upon the Puerto Verde development plan, we were told that water resources were not going to be a problem. Most of the surrounding area was not informed about the project and its implications. At the public hearing nearly all of those who attended were clearly opposed. It appeared that the concerns of the local area were of no interest to the developers. This project has been in the works for years. The foreign investors have set the die; it will go on, whether the community wants it or not. This is a foreign initiated and financed venture by people we know very little about.

At the public hearing no questions were addressed or responded to. How will the proposed new border crossings be managed and by who? The Eagle Pass, Texas ports-of-entries have recorded number of seizures in cocaine and methamphetamines. A meth seizure of over "Six Tons" was seized in Eagle Pass, Texas about one year ago. That was the largest seizure on record for that drug.

The proposed location of the Puerto Verde project starts on the west coast of Mexico in the state of Sinaloa, Mexico. This location to the border of Texas follows the most direct route through the State of Durango, Mexico. I traveled that route many years ago with my wife. We followed the guide book to the west coast using that route. This route would provide the most direct and efficient transportation route from the State of Sinaloa Mexico to our border in Eagle Pass, Texas. Sinaloa has the facilities to off load cargo from China. This situation should concern our political leaders and law enforcement agencies.

The Sinaloa Cartel is one of the most powerful criminal organizations in the world. I understand that they are joining the Cartel Jalisco Nuevo Generation to become even more powerful. This powerful alliance will dominate the fentanyl trade and expand the cartels influence and control of most of the southern border, as well as the Mexican government. Mexico will truly become a narco-state with terrorists just next door.

I remember when U.S. Federal Judge John Wood was shot dead in this drive-way while going to work. The Assistant U.S. Attorney, Mr. Kerr was ambushed while driving to work a few weeks before. The murder of more than one hundred Mexican citizens occurred near the Texas border in Allende, Coahuila, Mexico. The Zeta cartel gunmen carried out their attack for three days without much resistance. People were afraid to leave their homes and go to work. More recently in the town of Villa Union, Mexico the cartel, Noreste shot it out with the Mexican National Guard. For much of this battle, the Norste gunmen dominated the violent exchange. Travel between Nuevo Laredo, Mexico and Piedras Negras, Mexico on Route 2, is still a dangerous area and travel is not advised.

Next month of June elections will be taking place in Mexico for many political positions. One report said the between January this year and March there were 104 suspected political murders in Mexico. One of many cases involved the shooting death of two top aides of the current Mayor in Mexico City, Brugada. Voters in Mexico vote with bullets as well as ballots. If this is linked to cartel violence as many people think, our southern neighbor is in a war that they can not win without help from the U.S. President Sheimbaum will have to decide if she will work with the U.S. or surrender the country to the criminal cartels.

This is not just a border drug war, our enemies include China and other foreign enemies. For the last few years an estimated 100,000 or more U.S. Citizens have been poisoned by these dangerous drugs. The Chinese can not deny their part in this chemical warfare attack. The Chinese and the criminal cartels are intentionally murdering mostly military age adults in our country. Every year more of our young adults have died in one year than were killed in ten years of the Vietnam conflict.

Our northern neighbors to the north, Canada has also been in decline. Their border enforcement is dealing with their liberal immigration policies. I believe that about 40% of their population is foreign born. Dozens of recent arrivals come from nations that call for the death of the West. Most of the suspected terrorists that illegally enter the U.S. from our northern border are coming through Canada.

Our country can not do this alone. We have a chance with our current President Donald Trump but we have to fight this war with two of our close allies, Mexico and Canada., If not the end is near.