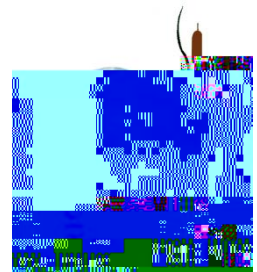


PIPELINE CONTINUES TO SHINE

El Paso Water Utilities' new pipeline from the Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant transforming water management at Rio Bosque! This fall/winter – the first with the pipeline delivering water to the park we've enjoyed flow the length of the old river channel in the park and extensive flooding of the wetland cells. More than 2,000 ducks are now present. And we've been able to do it all using only ~25% of the Bustamante Plant's winter flows. In prior years, it would take ~50% of



brings is the ability to simulate that seasonal flooding, on at least a limited basis, at the park.

Last year, when water deliveries from the pipeline began in May, we split deliveries to Wetland Cells 1 and 2 more or less equally. In July, curious to see how extensively we could flood Cell 1, we began sending more water in that direction. At the same time, of course, the flooded area in Cell 2 shrank. just like it would as waters receded after a river flood. Good thing willow seeds that settled on the newly exposed moist soil found favorable conditions to germinate. Now, a fringe of young willows is emerging around the margins of the late-summer flooded area in Cell 2.

Look for Cell 1 to get similar treatment in 2016.

ANNUAL MEETING , JAN. 20

Make plans to attend the joint annual meeting of the Friends of the Rio Bosque and the Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition! It takes place Wednesday, January 20, at the El Paso Club, 18th floor,