not a complete surprise, since its co-founders are from El Paso.

In March, the Collaborative brought a group of artists and scientists to El Paso for desert explorations and outreach . The work began March 8 and was completed March 12 during a festive celebration at the park launching the the Collaborat murals in El Paso. It is off to a great start!

(LACK OF) WATER NEWS

At Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, February through April is typically a dry season water comes from its wells. In 2015, El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 (EP#1) and El Paso Water (EPWater) entered into a Memorandum of

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Understanding under which EPWater may deliver water from the Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant to Rio Bosque during the 5 months from May through September. Each year since,

return of water deliveries to the park.

This year, though, the dry conditions will extend later, possibly into early June. Due to several factors reducing water availability this year, EP#1 will take all of the treated wastewater from the plant in May.

Winter water deliveries from the Bustamante Plant to the park ended this year on Feb 14. Since then, the wells put some water in the re-built former bend of the Rio Grande that winds through the park, but the wetland cells and large segments of the old river channel are for at least another month.

RIO BOSQUE CALENDAR

Join us at Rio Bosque for a free walking tour or to help with habitat management or park maintenance. Coming up:

<u> </u>			MAY			JUNE		
9 (Sat.)	Introductory Tour 4:	30 p.m.	14 (Sat.)	Birding Tour	7 a.m.	4 (Sat.)	Introductory Tour	r 8 a.m.
16 (Sat.)	Workday	8 a.m.	21 (Sat.)	Workday	8 a.m.	18 (Sat.)	Workday	8 a.m.
24 (Sun.)	Birding Tour	8 a.m.	22 (Sun.)	Introductory Tour	8 a.m.	25 (Sat.)	Birding Tour 6	30 a.m.

Meeting place for all activities is a bridge crossing the Riverside Canal. From I-10, take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Dr., turn left onto Pan American and travel 1.5 miles to the bridge. Please be prompt.

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