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DATE: April 2, 1970

By Bohannon Westman Engineers

Design Storm Frequency 100

PROJECT Proyecto Bienvenido

"C" Value 0.50

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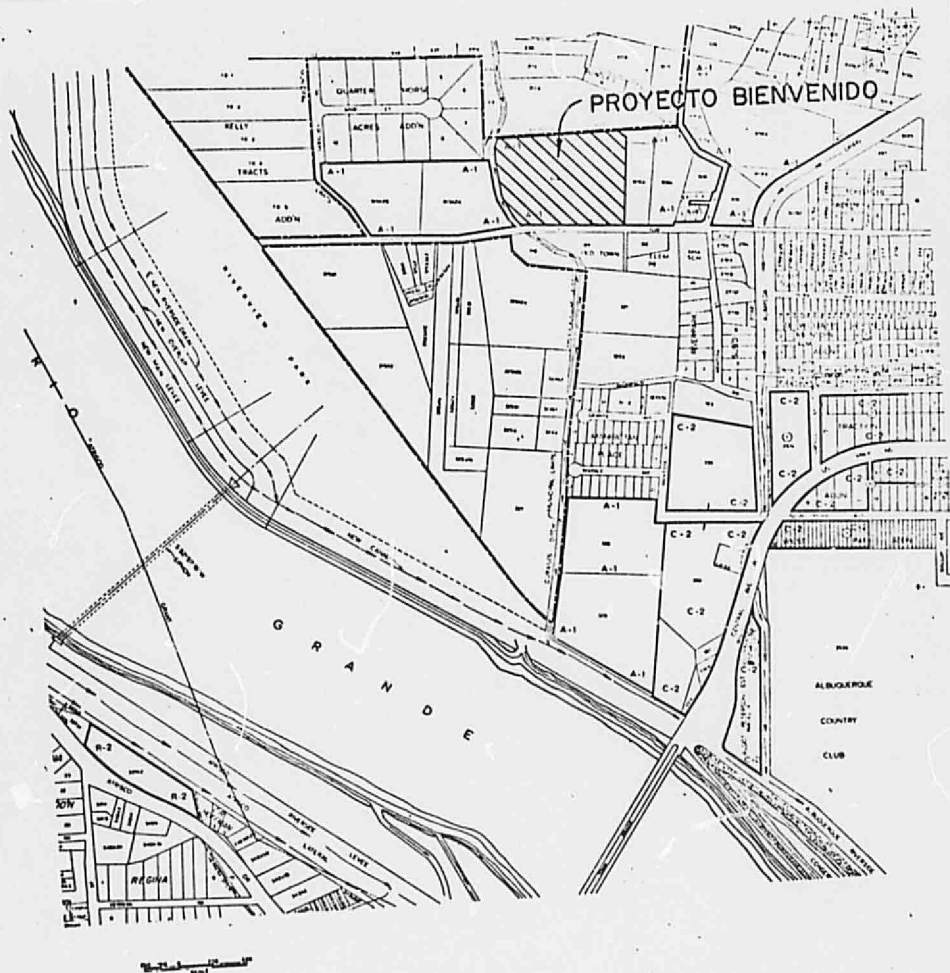
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ADDENDUM: No. 1

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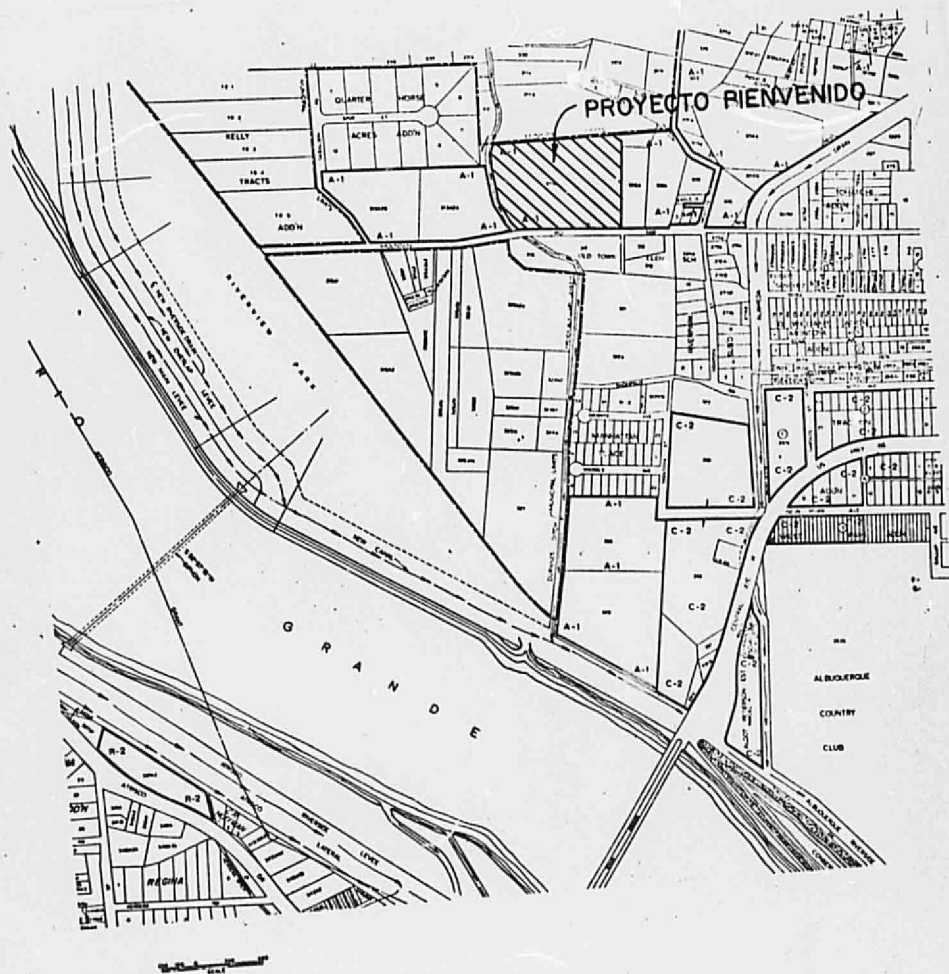
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