

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

EPA Region 9 Summer Tribal Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Border Barrier Update

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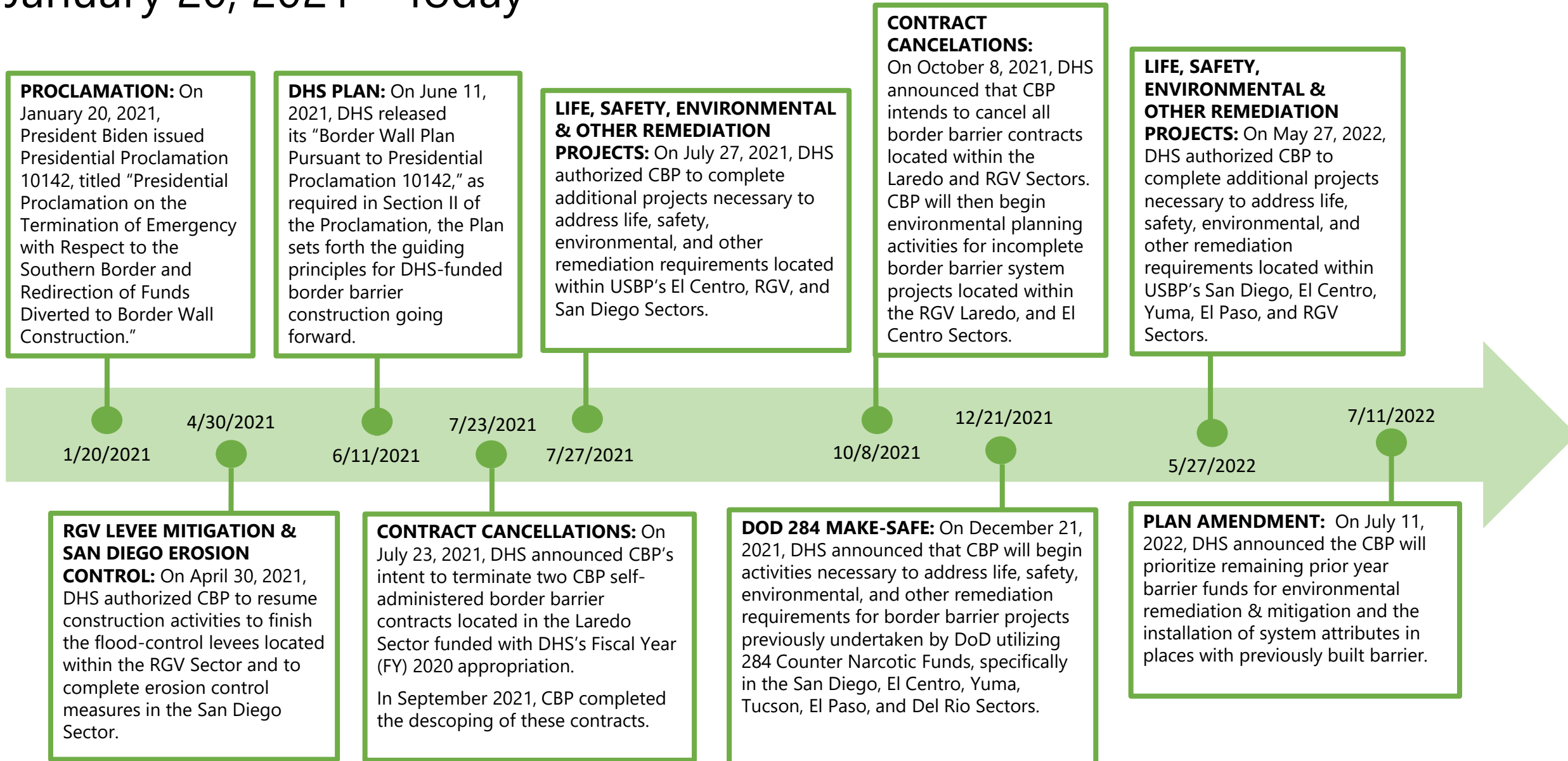
Agenda

SECTIONS	TOPICS
Overview	January 20, 2021 – Today
	DHS Border Wall Plan & Amendment
	Barrier System Attributes
Approved Projects	DHS Funded and Former DoD 284 Projects
	Environmental Planning
	Environmental Remediation
Interagency Coordination	Tribal Cultural Monitoring



Overview

January 20, 2021 – Today



Overview – DHS Border Wall Plan

- The Border Wall Plan Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 10142 (DHS Plan) published June 11, 2021 sets forth the guiding principles for DHS-funded border barrier construction. The Plan includes:
 - **DHS Exceptions for urgent measures needed to avert immediate physical dangers**
 - RGV Levee remediation work
 - San Diego erosion control measures

- **Plan for FY 2017-2020 DHS appropriated funding**
 - DHS may prioritize projects for completion without re-planning if they are needed to address life, safety, environmental, or other remediation requirements
 - Review of all pending border wall eminent domain actions commenced between 2017 and 2020

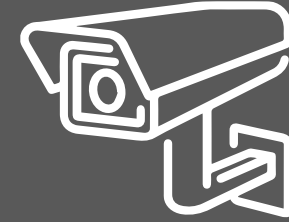
- **Plan for FY 2021 DHS appropriated funding**
 - Contingency Funding to address necessary changes and/or cost overruns
 - Close out/Remediate Projects turned over by DoD
 - Environmental Planning/NEPA for other projects
 - CBP will use any remaining FY 2021 funding available, after budgets for the activities above are established, to begin the sequential project planning process for the next highest priority barrier segments identified by DHS

Overview – Amendment to DHS Border Wall Plan

- On July 11, 2022, DHS announced an Amendment to the Plan which allows CBP to prioritize remaining prior year border barrier funding for the activities outlined below:
 - Environmental remediation and mitigation in former Department of Defense-funded project areas.
 - Installation of system attributes, to include, as appropriate to the area, cameras, detection technology, and lighting, in areas where barrier was already constructed.
- This Plan Amendment supports CBP and DHS' priority to continue to deploy modern, effective border measures and also improve safety and security along the Southwest Border.



**ENVIRONMENTAL
REMEDiation AND
MITIGATION**



CAMERAS



**DETECTION
TECHNOLOGY**

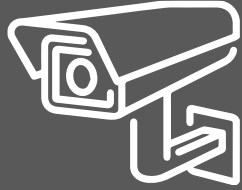


LIGHTING

Overview - Barrier System Attributes

- DHS has determined that completing the installation of **border barrier system attributes**, as previously planned and funded, in locations where the barrier has already been constructed, is consistent with the purpose of prior year appropriations and with the principles of the Plan.
 - **FY18, FY19, FY20 and FY21** prior year appropriations will be prioritized for these activities.
 - Attributes may include **lighting, cameras, and detection technology**.
 - Installation of barrier system attributes will be subject to and carried out in a manner that is consistent with the planning criteria set forth in Section III of the Plan.
 - This includes both **DHS and DoD Counter-Drug and Military Construction** funded border barrier in locations where it has already been constructed but the system attributes have not been completed.
- The lighting, cameras, and detection technology will provide Border Patrol agents with domain awareness in both remote and urban areas. Domain awareness also provides agents with the ability to track and respond to illicit cross-border activity and minimizes the response times for urgent or emergency situations involving migrants.
- Limited real estate actions may be required for system attribute installation in order to bring electrical service to the border and power the barrier system attributes. However, most of the system attribute installation will be conducted on federally owned land or lands previously acquired by CBP for barrier system construction where there is already physical barrier.

Overview – Barrier System Attributes



CAMERAS

- Cameras. Cameras could be affixed to light poles and spaced based on viewshed requirements. A Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) feed would be delivered to the nearest USBP station or shelters along the border barrier alignment.



DETECTION
TECHNOLOGY

- Shelters. Shelters are needed to house CCTV equipment. Placement of the shelter would be within 50 miles of a port of entry.
- Detection technology. Technology could be installed to detect and locate activity along the border.



LIGHTING

- Lighting. LED lighting. Shielding may be installed to control spillage. Light would be powered by grid power connected through underground conduit.



Approved Projects

Approved Projects - Life, Safety, Environmental & Other Remediation

Activity	Start	Completion	Status
DHS Approved on April 30th, 2021			
San Diego Erosion Control Measures	5/2021	9/2022	Under Construction
Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Levee Mitigation	5/2021	12/2022*	Under Construction
DHS Approved on July 27, 2021			
San Diego Secondary Gates	9/2021	5/2022	Complete
San Diego Secondary Gap Closure	8/2021	8/2021	Complete
San Diego Drainage Grates	3/2022	2/2023	Pre-Construction
El Centro Utility Relocation	8/2021	8/2021	Complete
RGV Make Safe and Environmental Restoration	10/2021	10/2022*	Under Construction
DHS Approved on May 27, 2022			
San Diego Friendship Circle	7/2022	3/2023	Pre-Construction
San Diego Tijuana River	1/2023	12/2023	Pre-Construction
Yuma Hill Gap Closure	TBD	TBD	Pre-Construction
El Paso Train Gate	6/2023	12/2023	Pre-Construction
El Centro Train Gate	3/2023	6/2023	Pre-Construction
El Centro New River	7/2022	11/2022	Under Construction
RGV Access Gates	TBD	TBD	Pre-Construction

**Most of the remediation work will be complete by December 2022, but final site work anticipated for early 2023.*

Approved Projects – Remediation of former DoD 284 Projects

Sector	Public Outreach	Construction Start
Approved on December 21, 2021		
Tucson	Jan – Feb 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 2022 (<i>first phase</i>) Solicitation for additional work anticipated in Spring 2023
El Paso	March - April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD
San Diego	May - April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD
El Centro	June - July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD
Yuma	April - May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD
Del Rio	August 2022*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD

**Estimated Date*

Environmental Planning - Former DoD 284 Projects

- **Public Outreach:** CBP is working closely with stakeholders to seek input and help on prioritizing potential remediation activities within each Sector.
 - Public Comment Periods for most Sectors have been held to identify priorities for remediation activities on the former DoD 284 Project Sites.
 - Feedback received helps to inform planning and execution of the work at the project sites. Stakeholder feedback reports are on CBP.gov.
 - Briefings and public webinars have been held to review the remediation plan and share how the information collected will be used.
- **Environmental Stewardship Plans (ESPs)** have been developed for most projects and will guide best management practices during make safe activities.
 - More information:
<https://www.cbp.gov/about/environmental-management>

CATEGORY	NO. OF COMMENTS
Habitat Fragmentation and Wildlife Impacts	552
Restoration of Disturbed Areas	435
Invasive Species Control & Monitoring	334
Erosion Concerns	329
Low Water Crossings	275
Gaps in Barrier	196
Lighting and Light Pollution	171
Restoration of Access Roads	140
Border Barrier Removal or Completion	56
Use of Waiver	37
Impact to Cultural Resources	30
Implementation of Technology	10
Construction Best Management Practices	12
Public Safety and Accessibility	5

Environmental Remediation - Former DoD 284 Projects

Activities requiring remediation include, but are not limited to:



COMPLETING ROADS



SITE GRADING



**ADDING MISSING CAPS
TO BOLLARDS**



**MITIGATING
IMPALEMENT RISKS**



**RELOCATING OR
COMPLETING ACCESS
RAMPS**



**COMPLETING UTILITY
LINE RELOCATIONS**



**INSTALLING REQUIRED
CANAL CROSSINGS**



**HONORING EXISTING
REAL ESTATE
AGREEMENTS**

Arizona Barrier Remediation Plans



TUCSON SECTOR



Public Comment Period: Jan. 4 to Feb. 3, 2022

Remediation Plan includes:

- Erosion control and slope stabilization
- Restoration and reseeding of disturbed areas
- Removal of construction
- Removal of built-up debris at low water crossings
- Restoration of specific access roads on the Coronado National Forest
- Closing of gaps
- Opening of gates during monsoon season
- Consultation with land management agencies and Tribes

Two contracts have been awarded.



Above: Example of an un-stabilized slope in Tucson Sector

YUMA SECTOR



Public Comment Period: April 21 to May 20, 2022

Remediation Plan includes:

- Erosion control measures
- Completion of safety work on border and access roads
- Revegetation of disturbed areas
- Drainage completion and/or repair
- Implementation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and best management practices
- Bollards capped
- Reduction of invasive Species
- Remove construction equipment and materials
- Backfill open trenches or install cattle guards, as appropriate
- Complete/repair automated vehicle gates and foundation



Above Bollard wall being constructed in Yuma Sector

California Barrier Remediation Plans



SAN DIEGO SECTOR



Public Comment Period: May to June 2022

Remediation Plan includes:

- Erosion control measures
- Completion of safety work on border and access roads
- Revegetation of disturbed areas
- Drainage completion and/or repair
- Implementation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and Best Management Practices
- Bollards capped
- Reduction of invasive Species
- Remove construction equipment and materials
- Backfill open trenches or install cattle guards, as appropriate
- Complete/repair automated vehicle gates and foundation



SAN DIEGO STORY
MAP

Above: Infrared cameras and lighting in the San Diego Sector

EL CENTRO SECTOR



Public Comment Period: June to July 2022

Remediation Plan includes:

- Erosion control measures
- Completion of safety work on border and access roads
- Revegetation of disturbed areas
- Drainage completion and/or repair
- Implementation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and best management practices
- Reduction of invasive Species
- Remove construction equipment and materials
- Gate installation and repair
- Guardrail installation at low water crossings
- Installation of small wildlife passages
- Bollards capped
- Seal decommissioned water wells



EL CENTRO STORY
MAP

Above: Dirt road in front of the border barrier



Interagency Coordination

Interagency Coordination for Tribal Cultural Monitors

- CBP has worked closely with the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to:
 - Establish an Interagency Agreement (IAA) to fund tribal cultural monitors for border construction, maintenance and repair projects
 - CBP is working closely with the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Kumeyaay Tribal Nations to ensure tribal cultural monitors observe work for projects in San Diego, El Centro, and Tucson Sectors





Questions?

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