

Convey Water from All-American Canal to Andrade Wetlands

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Goal

- Evaluate the water supply system to Imperial Valley by All-American Canal
- Develop a feasible and sustainable restoration plan and bring back Andrade Wetlands and ground water of Colorado River Watershed.

Objectives

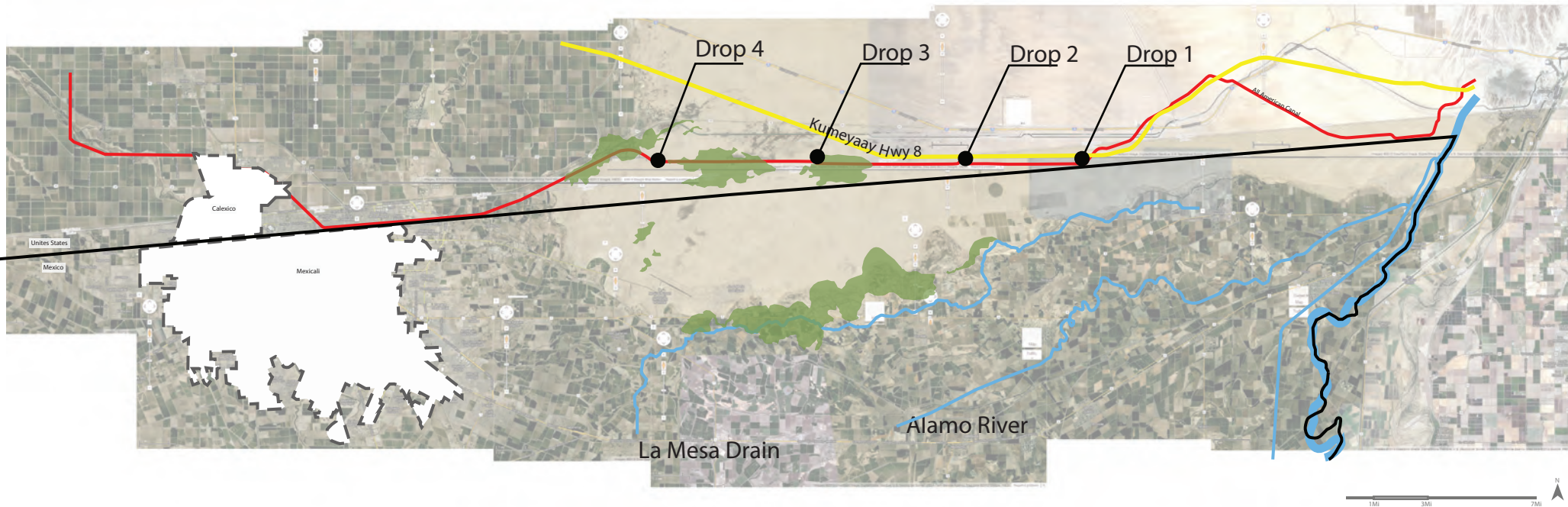
- Deconstruct the lining part of the canal to increase seepage and backup the wetlands.
- Suggest Alternative crops for Imperial Valley to supplement the loss of the water that used to provide to farm lands.
- Create opportunities of human access to the wetlands with minimum impacts



Site Context



■ Andrade Wetland (6200 ha)



All-American Canal

80 mi long aqueduct
Imperial Valley's only water source
Diverted from Imperial Diversion Dam

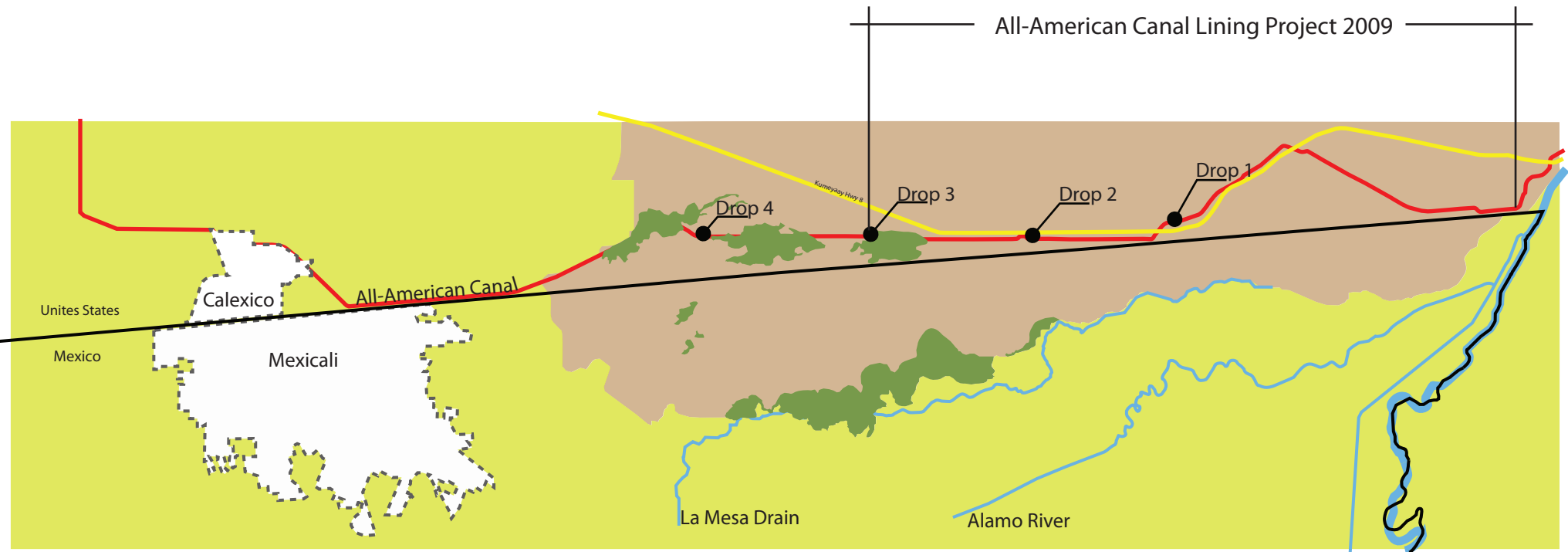


All-American Canal

Branching six small canals
Irrigates up to 630,000 acres of crop lands



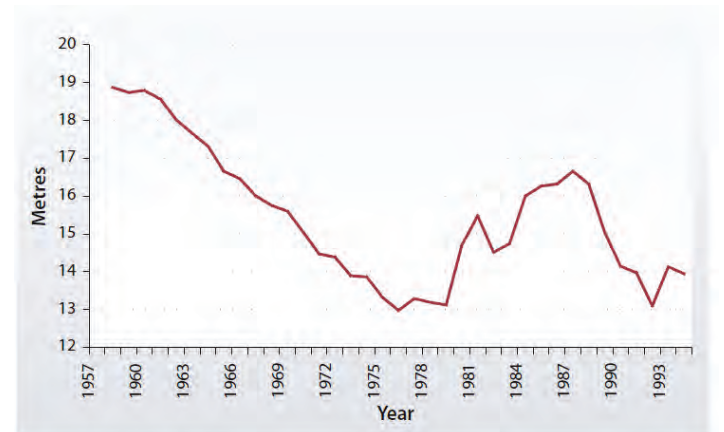
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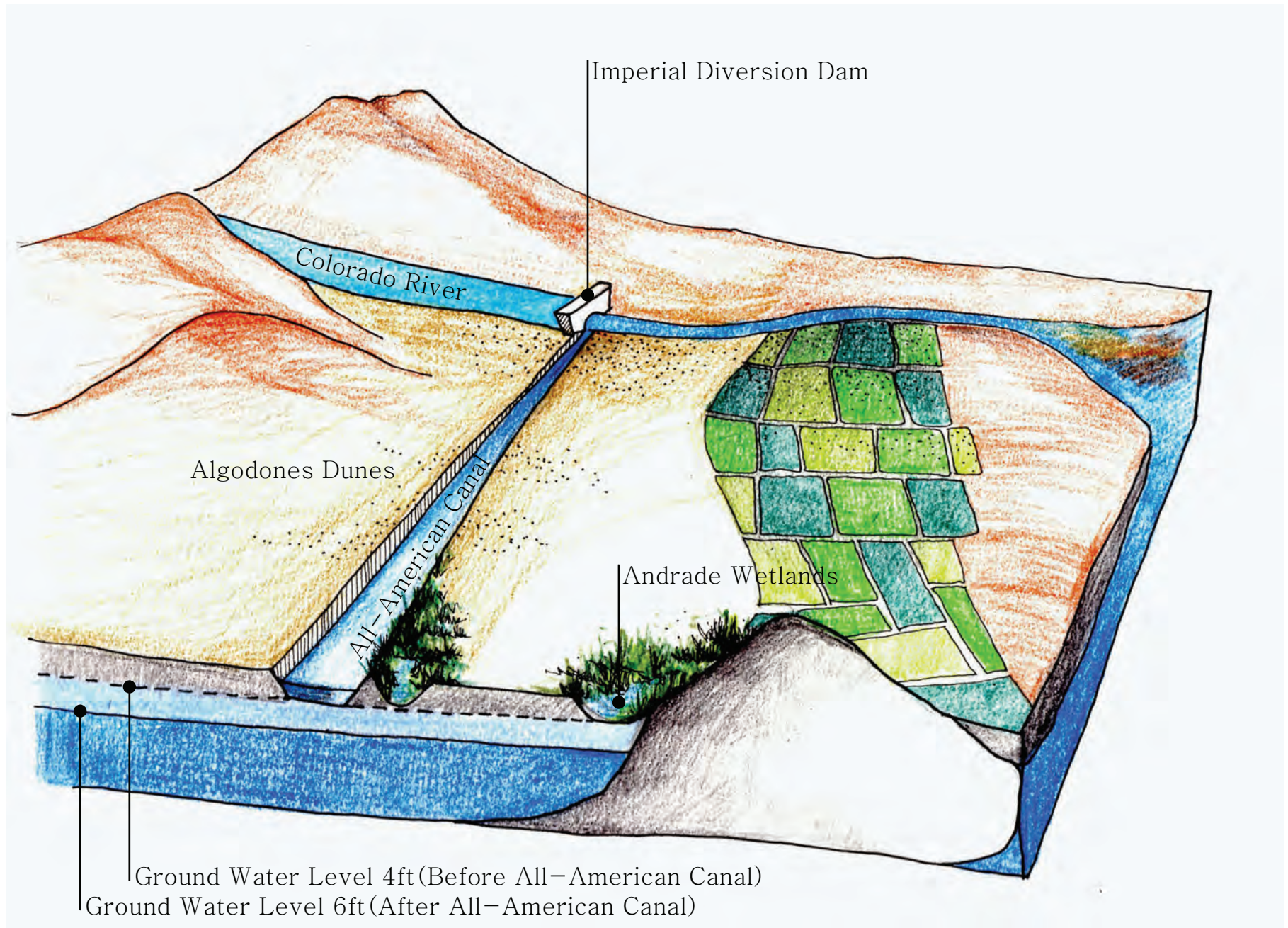
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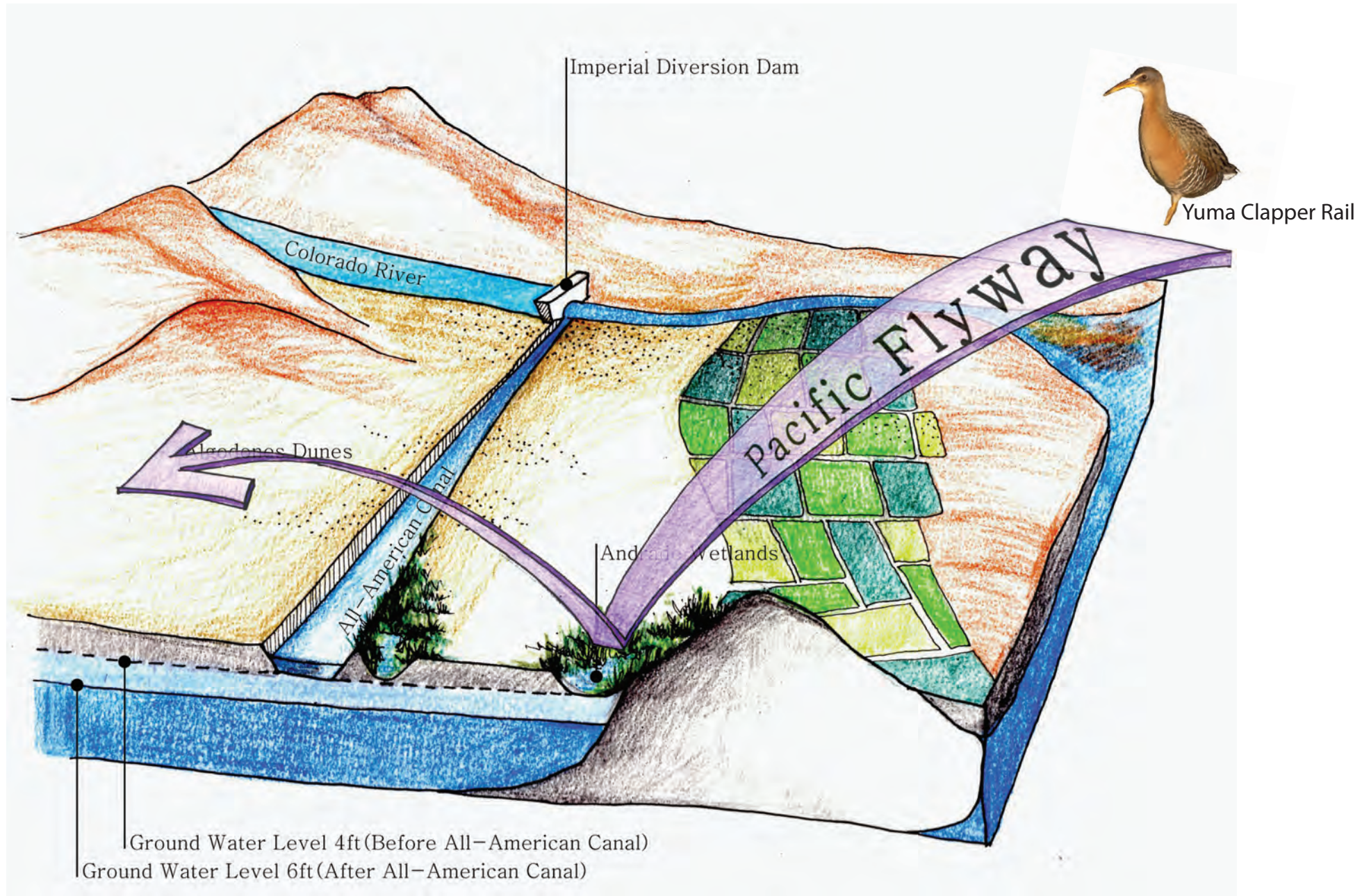
Ground water level of Mexicali Watershed
1957-1993



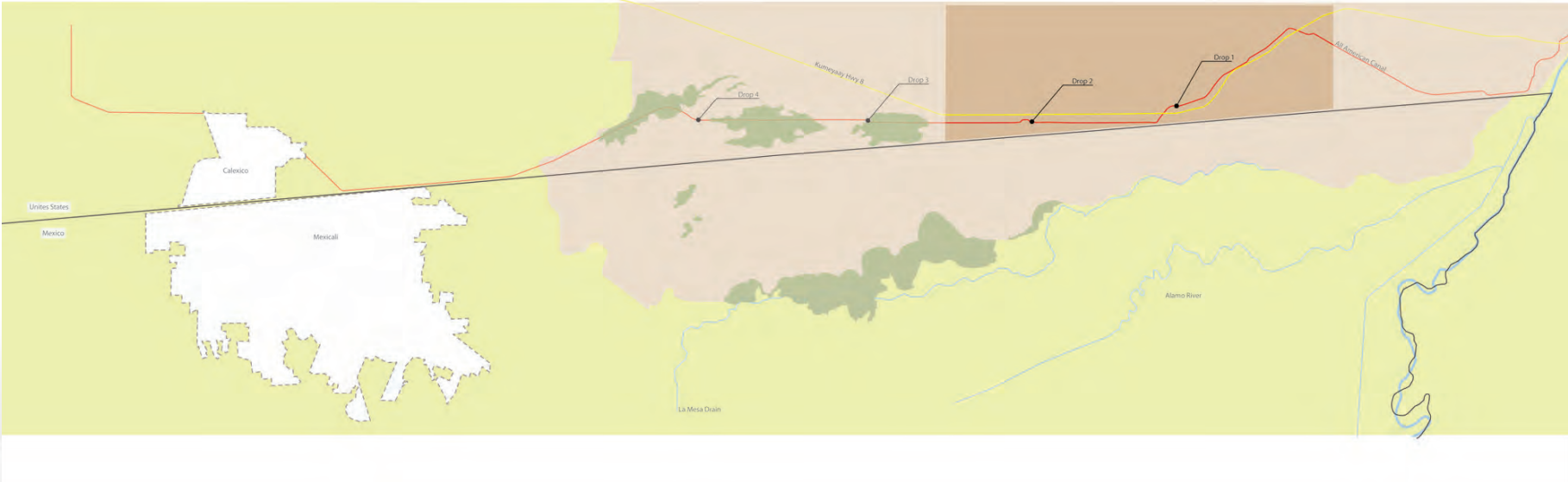
Water Circulation



Why Andrade Mesa Wetlands?



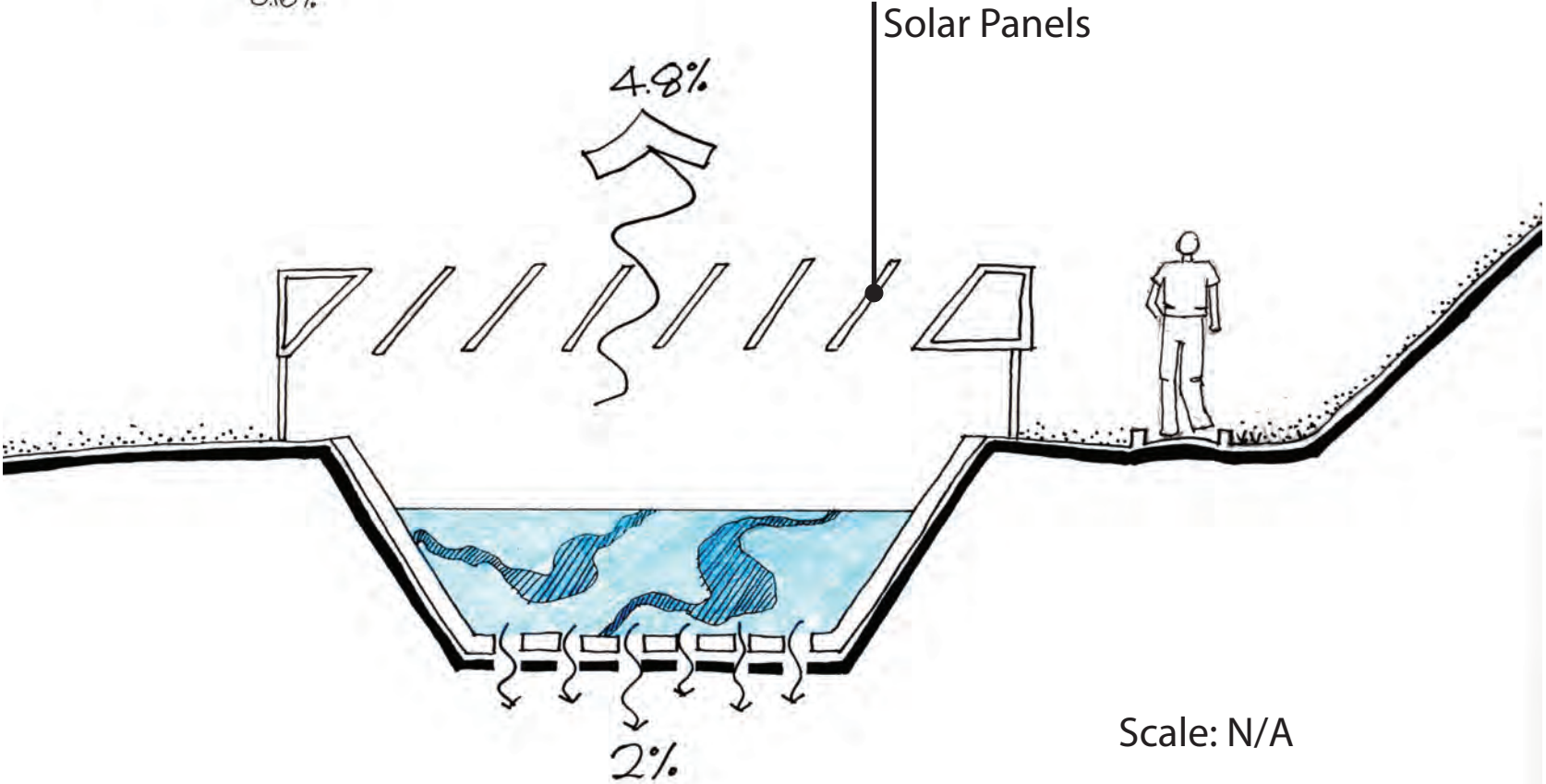
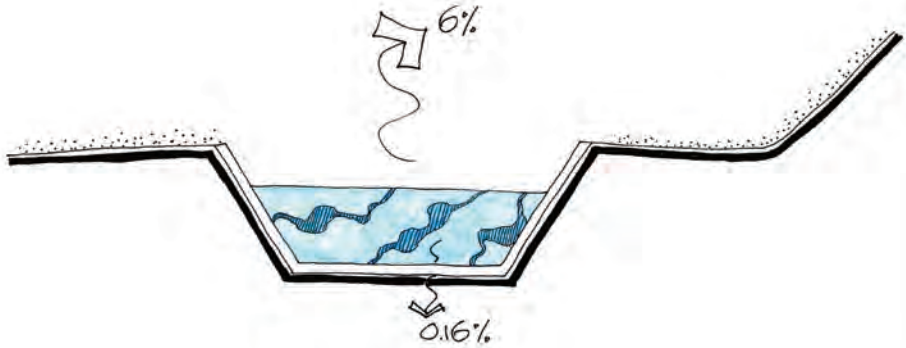
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Rehabilitation_Canal Seepage

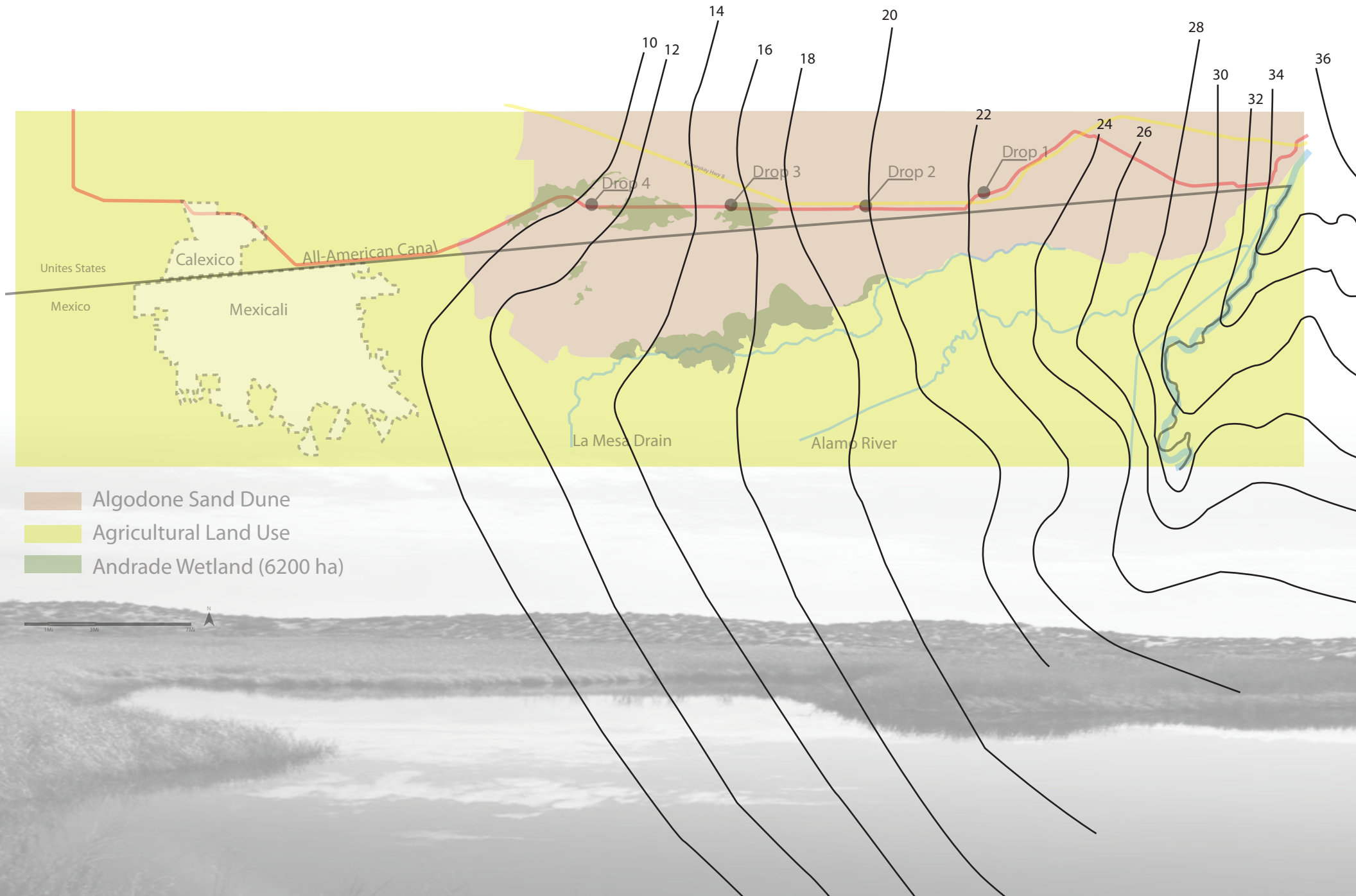


Case Study in India



Scale: N/A

Ground Water Level



Rehabilitation_Alternative crops



Punica granatum
-Pomegranate
-Salt tolerance



Olea europaea
-Olive
-Moderate salt tolerance



Opuntia
-Prickly Pear
-low water use
-high salt tolerance



Aloe



Jojoba
-Young plants:sentitive to flooding
-Established plants are salt tolerant



Parthenium argentatum Gray
-Salt tolerant
-Produce rubber



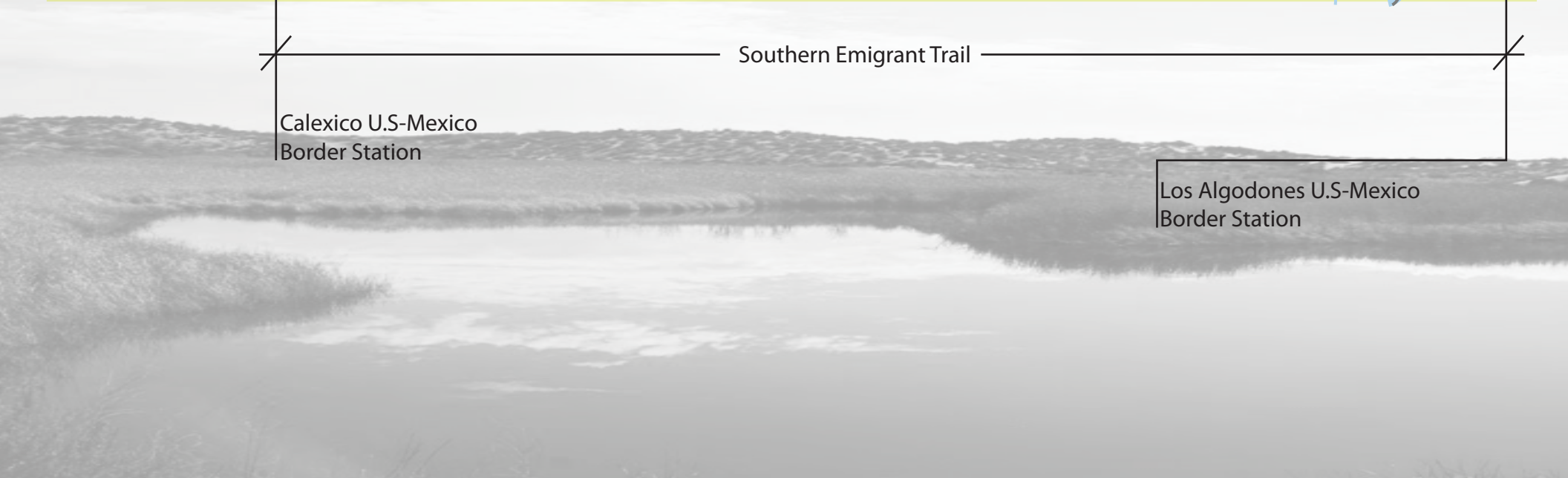
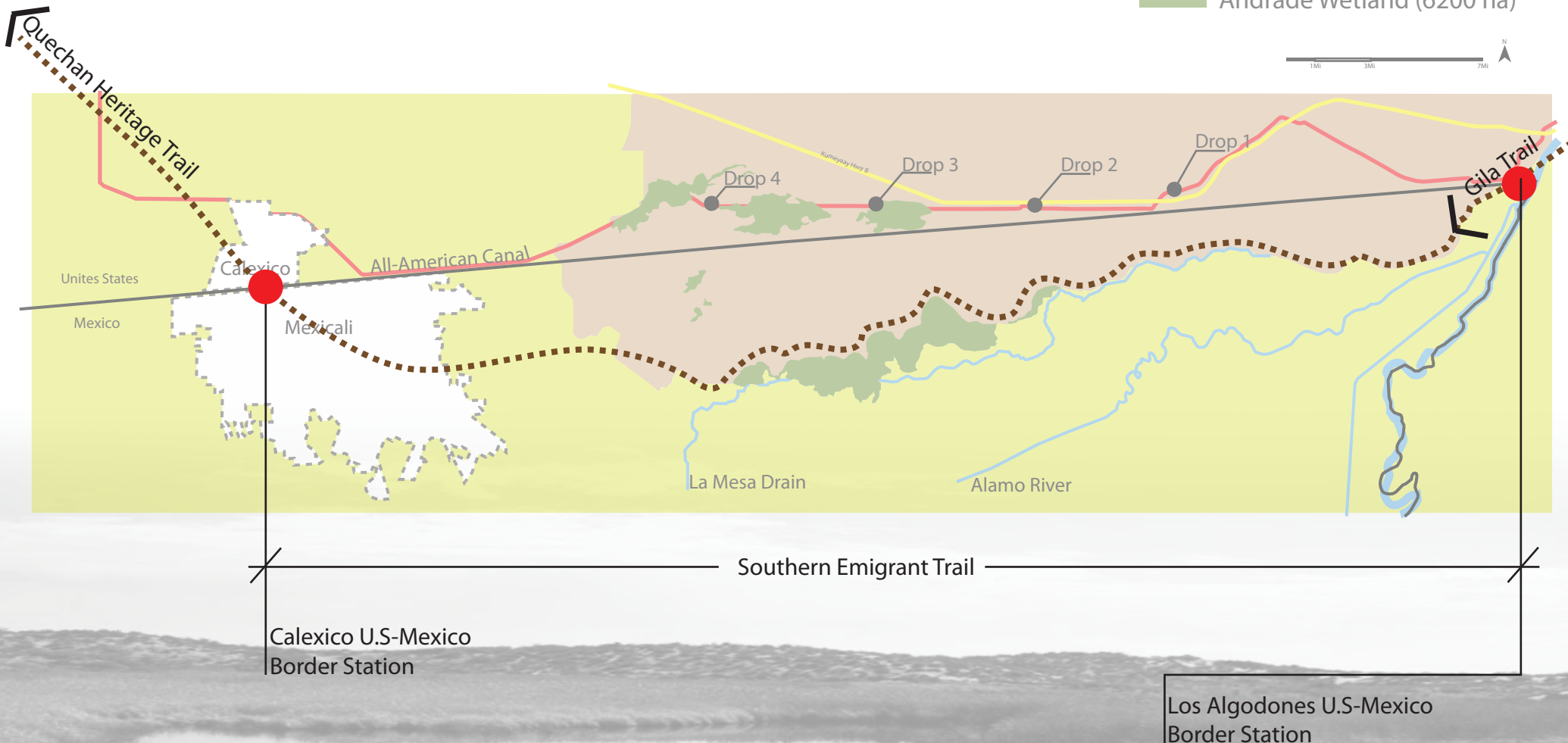
Anacardium occidentale
-Salt tolerance:depends water
-Cashew



Lesquerella
-Bladder Pod
-Vegetable oil

Rehabilitation_Historic Trail

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