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PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY SHEET

PROJECT: 0985 El Novillo Dam in Baja California Sur

SECTOR:	SUBSECTOR:	STAGE ANALYZED:	YEAR OF UPDATE:
Water and Environment	Water Supply	Execution	2026

Guide to read this datasheet

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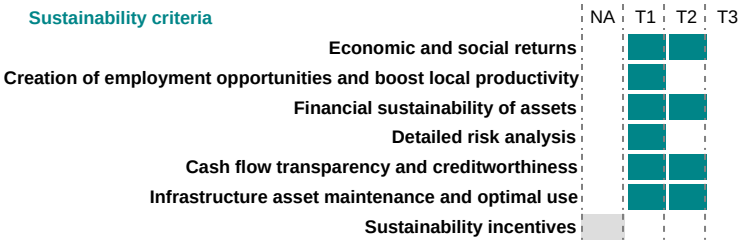
Project's sustainability summary: The project consists of the construction of the El Novillo Dam, an aqueduct, and a water treatment plant to supply drinking water to 291,956 inhabitants in La Paz, Baja California Sur, via gravity-fed conveyance. This infrastructure aims to reduce reliance on overexploited groundwater sources, allowing for aquifer recharge and mitigating saltwater intrusion.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

EXAMPLE OF GOOD PRACTICES

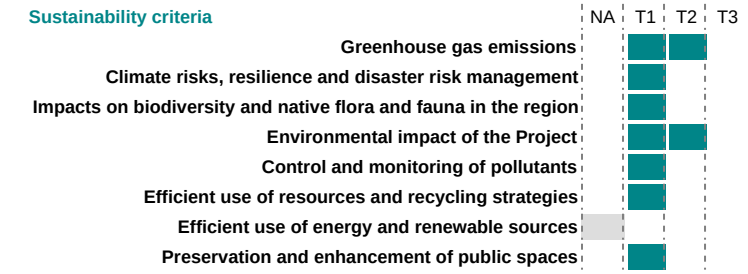
The natural slope of the terrain is utilized to transport water by gravity through the conduction line, minimizing the use of electric pumps; this constant energy-saving strategy reduces operating costs and the dependency on fossil fuels.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

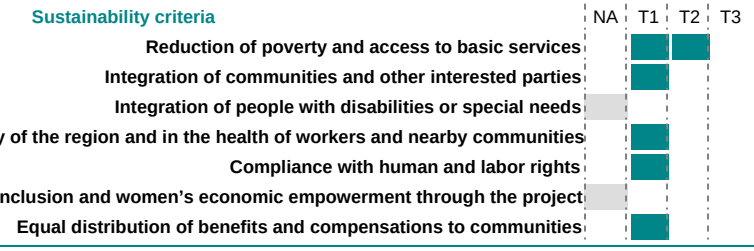
EXAMPLE OF GOOD PRACTICES

An exhaustive on-site inventory was conducted to identify and catalog every plant species in the region, ensuring that no significant or endangered flora was overlooked; this enables the design of targeted protection and rescue measures that guarantee the conservation of local biodiversity throughout the project's development.



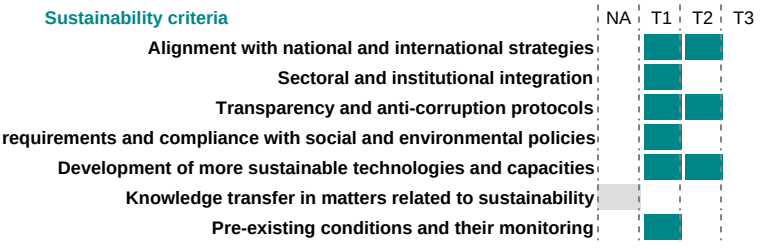
SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

EXAMPLE OF GOOD PRACTICES



INSTITUTIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

EXAMPLE OF GOOD PRACTICES



Source of this project: Strategic Assessment Sheet (FIVE) - Construction of the El Novillo Dam / Budget Transparency - Construction of the El Novillo dam (2516B000060) / Environmental Impact Statement - Construction of the El Novillo dam, driving line and water treatment plant (03BS2025HD044) / Bidding site Compras MX - Construction of the El Novillo dam (LO-16-B00-016B00985-N-234-2025) / CONAGUA Press Release - El Novillo Dam / Coordination agreement for the execution of the El Novillo Dam project Show more...

The sustainability analysis is carried out based on the indicated sources of information available at the time of preparation.

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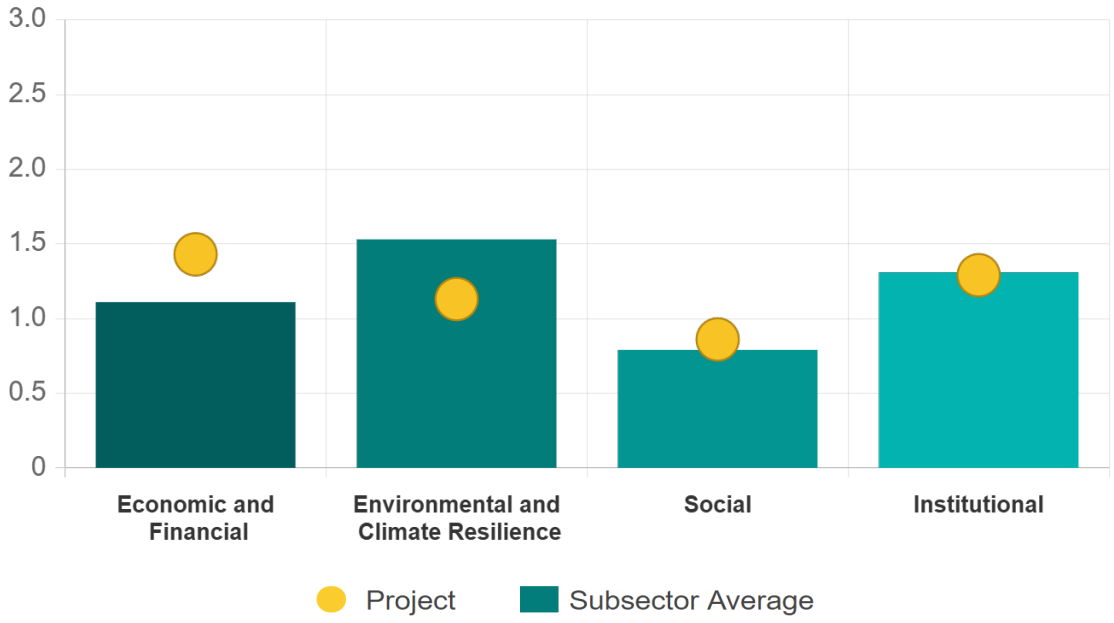
Comparison of this project vs other projects of the same subsector

(Number of projects included: **4**)



Check out this and other project comparisons in the tool

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Methodological framework defined by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

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This section aims to present the potential alignment of the infrastructure project with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda. The relevance of this exercise resides in that it provides information to the actors of the infrastructure ecosystem for decision-making in investment that considers and promotes sustainable development.

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1. ALIGNMENT BY SUBSECTOR

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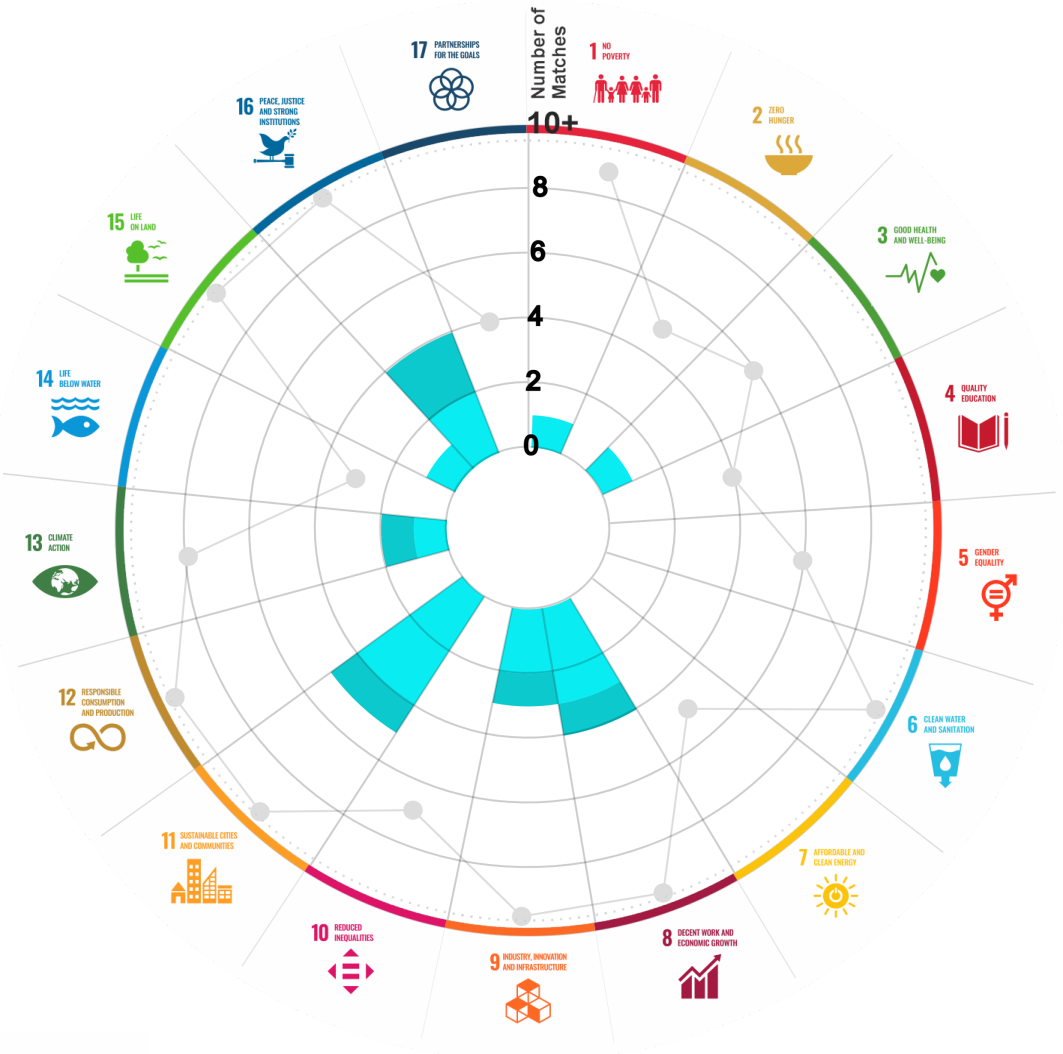

3. ALIGNMENT BY CRITERIA AND TARGETS

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Explanation of the alignment of the sustainability criteria and the SDGs.
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Project alignment to SDGs analysis tool.
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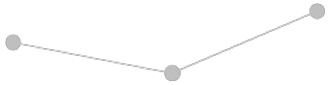
The tonality of the bars represents the level of detail of the information available from the IDB criteria and its potential alignment for each SDG, based on the scale: N.A., TIER 1, TIER 2 or TIER 3.

Number of times the project information coincides with the alignment of the IDB criteria and the SDGs.



Approximate reference to the number of maximum alignments a project can have between the IDB criteria and the targets of the SDGs.

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P R O J E C T

CONSTRUCTION OF THE EL NOVILLO DAM IN LA PAZ, BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR.

SECTOR: WATER AND ENVIRONMENT
SUBSECTOR: WATER SUPPLY

Type of Investment:	Greenfield
Macroproject:	Infrastructure Projects of the National Water Plan
Short Name of the Project:	0985 El Novillo Dam in Baja California Sur

Contract Currency:	Estimated Investment MXN	Estimated Investment USD	
Mexican Pesos MXN	$ 3,444,640,000	$ 178,478,756	Exchange rate (USD/MXN) used by the Ministry of Finance for the economic plan 2026 $ 19.3

DESCRIPTION

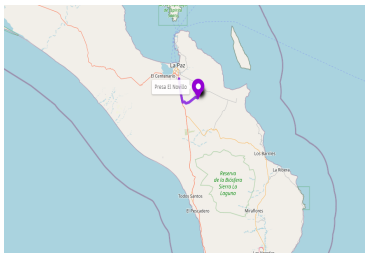
Construction of a storage dam, an aqueduct (transport line), and a water treatment plant with a capacity of 53 l/s will ensure a continuous, safe, and high-quality supply of drinking water to more than 250,000 inhabitants of the municipality of La Paz, Baja California Sur.
Components: Dam, diversion works, intake works, spillway, aqueduct or transport line, water treatment plant

Contract Scope: Construction

Type of Project:	Public	**Selection Process:**	Open Domestic Bidding	**Term:**	
Type of Contract:	Public Works	**Payment Source:**	Budgetary		

Asset (s):

GEOLOCATION



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TIMELINE

PREINVESTMENT	BIDDING	EXECUTION	OPERATION

- **Registration**
- **Request for Proposals/Announcement** October 08, 2025
- **Proposals Reception** November 05, 2025
- **Ruling** November 21, 2025
- **Contract Signing**
- **Execution/Construction Starting Date** November 25, 2025
- **Operation Starting Date**
- **Term of the Contract** September 2027

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