



***Sterling C. Robertson Dam Tainter
Gate Replacement Project
Professional Services Contract with
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.***

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Sterling C. Robertson Dam





Discussion Topics

- **Comparison of Rehabilitation Options**
 - In-situ skin plate rehabilitation
 - Replacement gates
- **Recommended Approach for Gate Replacement**



Overview of Gate Concerns

- **Constructed in 1978**
 - 40 years old
- **5 Radial Tainter Gates**
 - 40 feet wide by 29 feet high
 - “Weathering steel” has performed poorly in a submerged application
- **Gate Hoists**
 - Also 40 years old
 - Previous study recommended rehabilitation
 - Could be affected by gate modifications



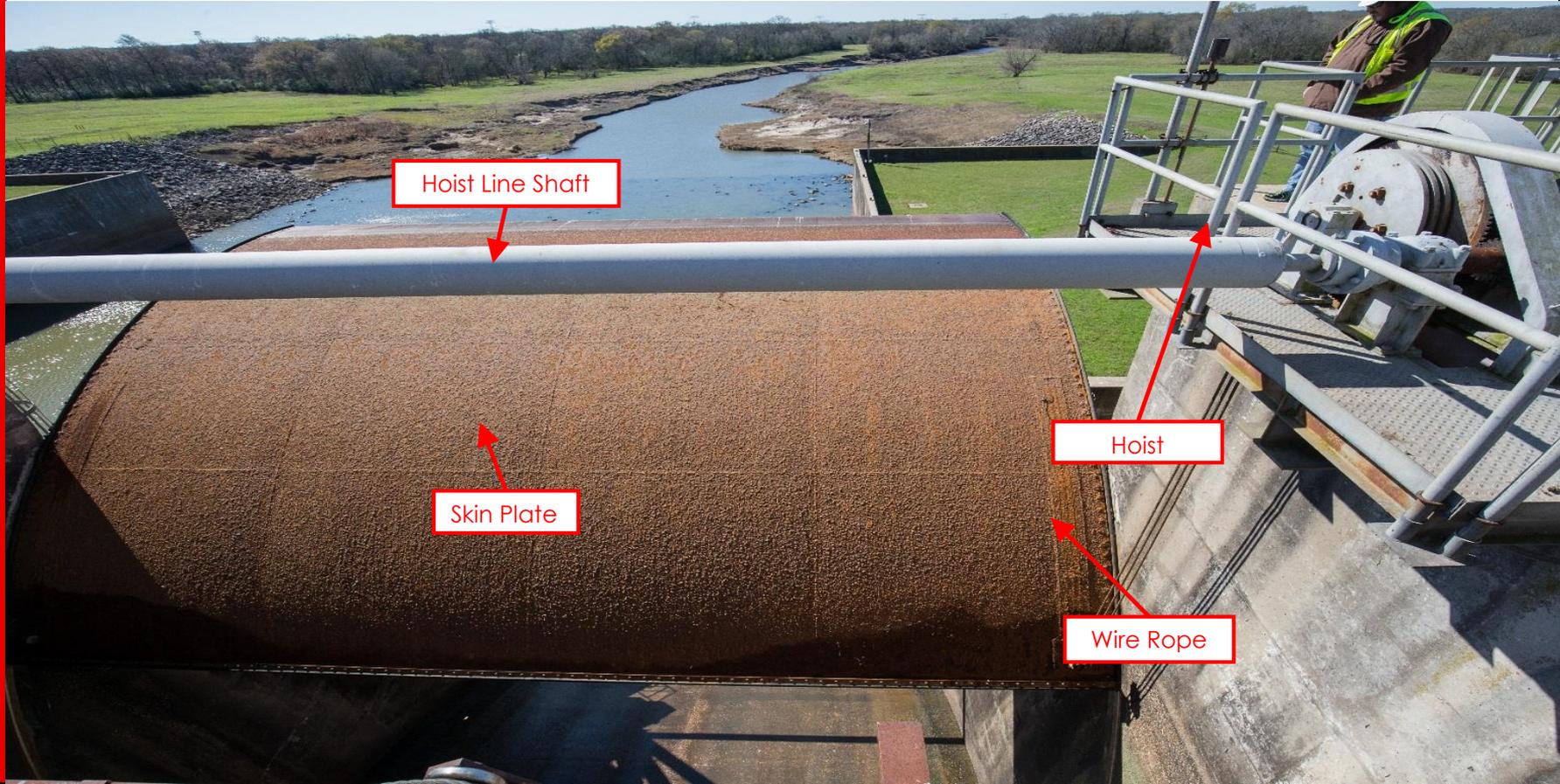
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View Across Top of Dam





Typical Gate



Hoist Line Shaft

Skin Plate

Hoist

Wire Rope



Upstream Face of Gate



Pier

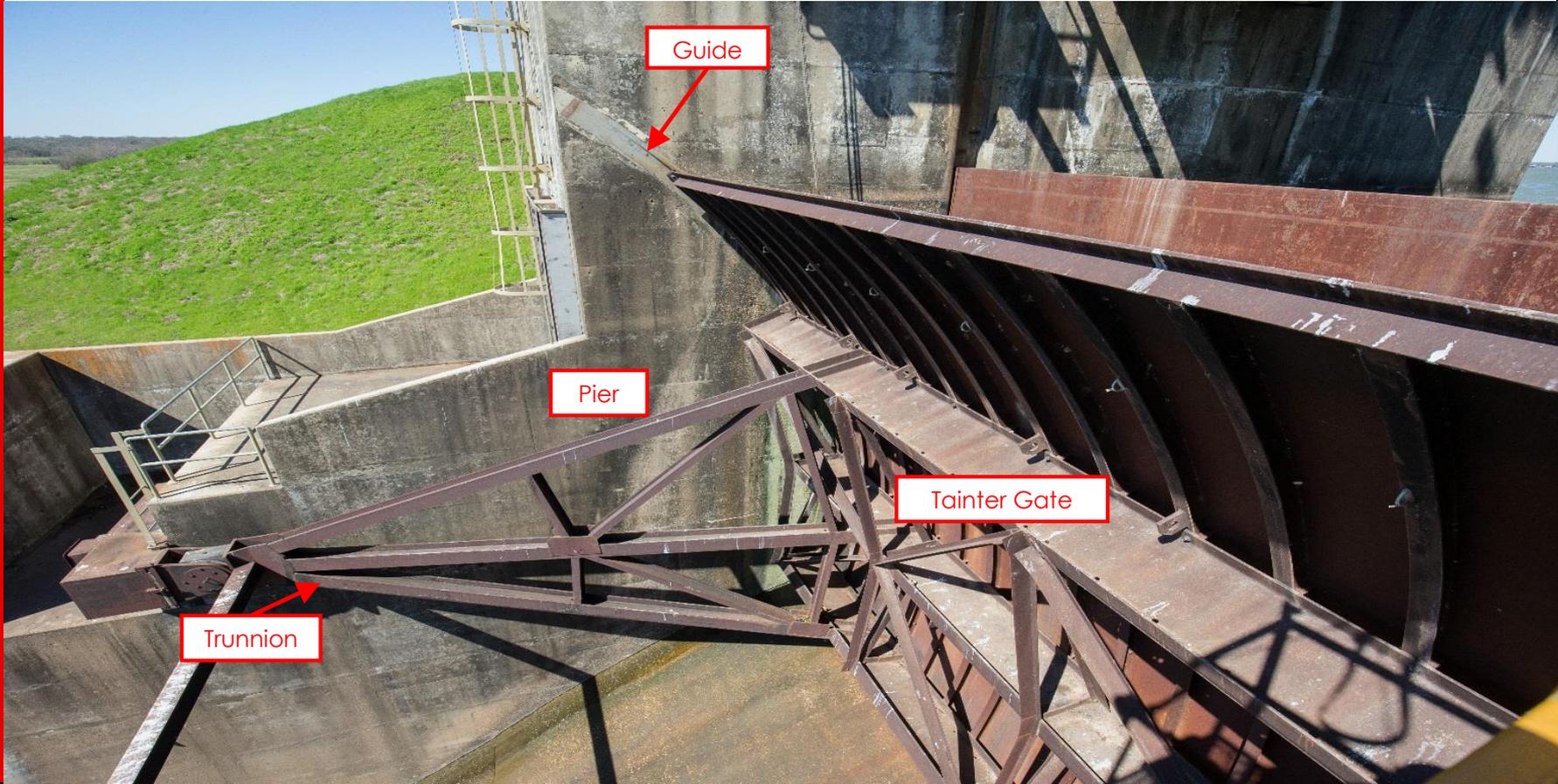
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Wire Rope

Gate Skin Plate

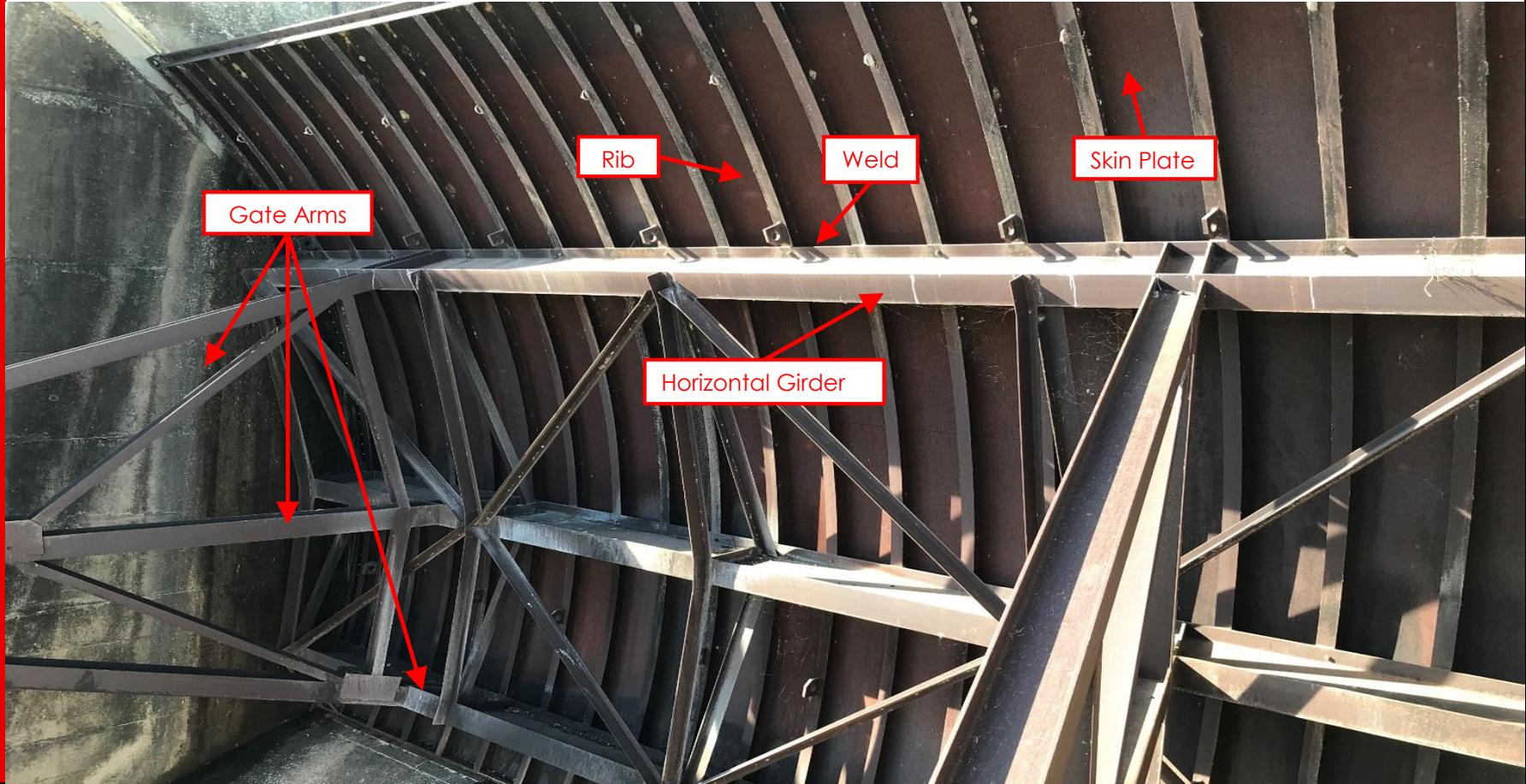


Gate Bay Components



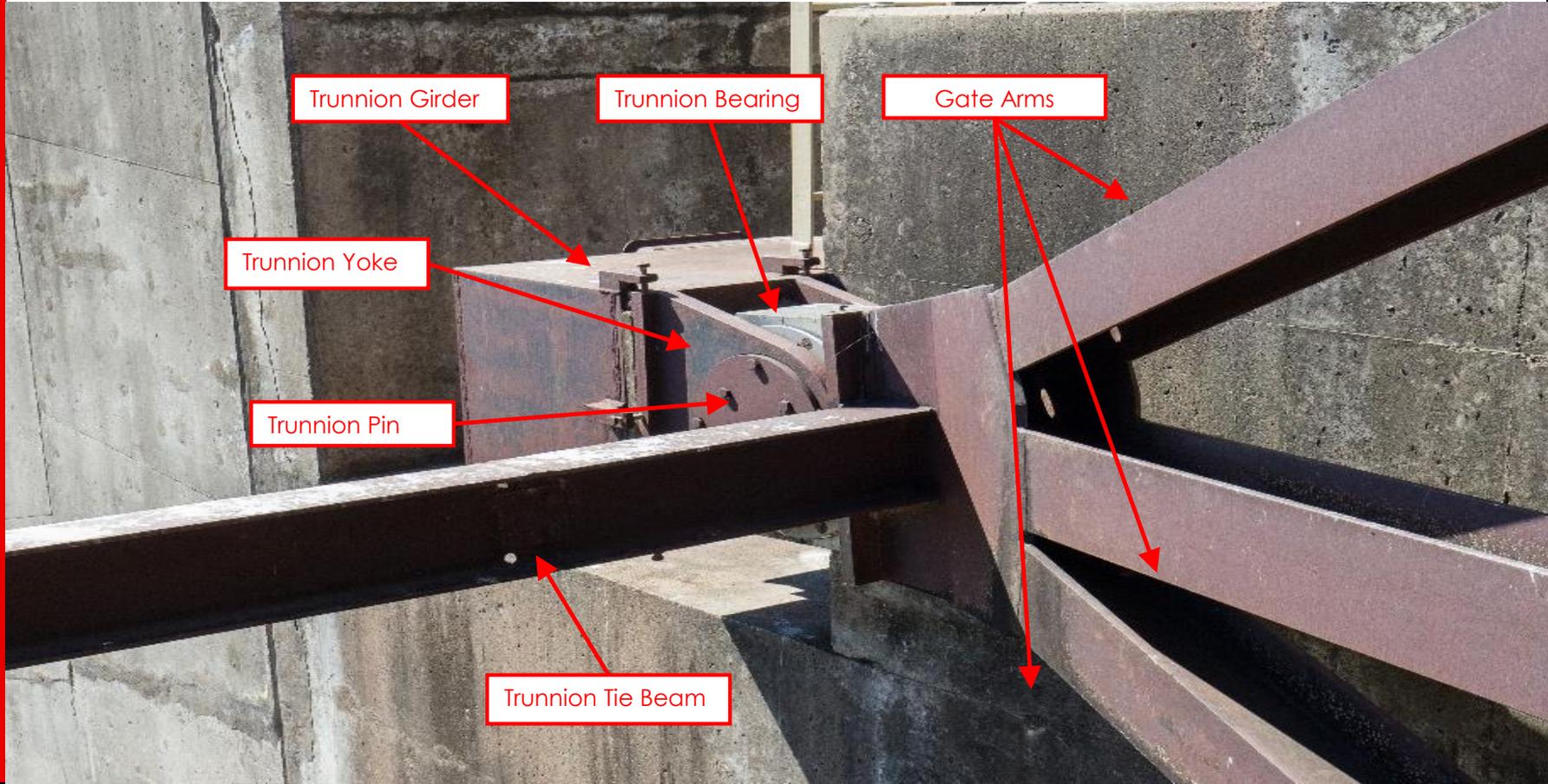


Tainter Gate Components





Trunnion Components





Gate Options Considered

IN-SITU REHABILITATION	REPLACEMENT
Remove and replace skin plates and vertical ribs on existing arms and girders Replace side and bottom seals	Remove and replace entire gates
Reuse trunnions	Replace trunnions
Reuse hoists and wire ropes	Reuse hoists and wire ropes

Comparison Criteria

- Constructability
- Schedule & Cost
- Quality & Warranty



Constructability

IN-SITU REHABILITATION	REPLACEMENT
<p> In-situ painting requires isolation of the portion of the structure to be painted for controlled environment.</p> <p>Risk of reduced paint coating quality and life on weathering steel.</p>	<p> Fabrication and painting in a controlled shop environment provides high quality application.</p>
<p> Significant interface with existing structures could result in fit-up problems. Risk of schedule delay.</p>	<p> Minimal interface with existing equipment reduces risks of fit-up problems. Shop pre-assembly reduces risk of incorrect fit in field.</p>
<p> Significant vertical and overhead field welding and weld testing.</p> <p>Tight workspace for skin plate-related work activities.</p>	<p> Can be customized for most convenient installation method with bolted connections and minimal field welding and painting.</p>
<p> Smaller sections can be handled with lighter equipment.</p>	<p> Heavy skin plate/girder assembly requires large crane and calm weather conditions.</p>



Schedule and Cost

ITEM	IN-SITU REHABILITATION	REPLACEMENT
Total Duration	29 months (excludes design and bidding)	36 months
Shop Fabrication	Not applicable	First gate in 10 months
On-site Construction	29 months	9 months
Individual Bay Outage	4 – 5 months	1 – 1.5 months
Total Duration of Bay Outages	21 – 25 months	5 – 7.5 months
Present Value of 40-year Life Cycle Cost	\$12.7 – \$18.6 Million	\$9.9 – \$14.3 Million



Quality and Warranty

REHABILITATION	REPLACEMENT
 <p>Unknown quality of existing 40-year old gate equipment and structures (i.e., trunnion bearing).</p> <p>Coating reliability risk from field application.</p>	 <p>High reliability of gate and coating.</p>
 <p>Retained materials and equipment will not be subject to warranty.</p>	 <p>Full warranty on new gate, including paint coating from gate supplier.</p>
 <p>Unknown service life of retained portions of gates.</p>	 <p>Forty-year service life of new gates.</p>

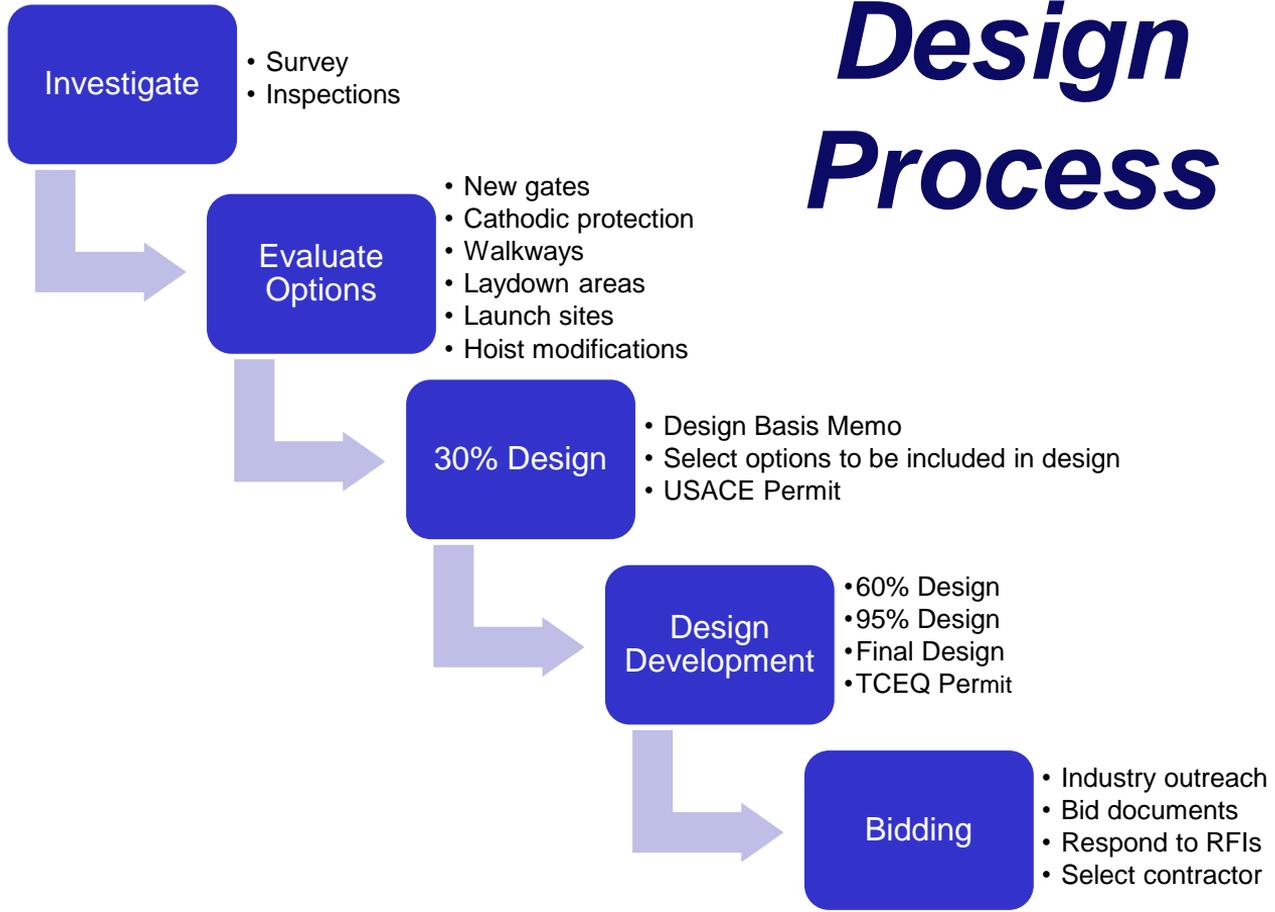


Recommendations

- **Replace all Tainter gates**
- **During design, consider adding**
 - Cathodic protection system
 - Access platforms
- **Evaluate condition of hoists to lift**
 - Replacement gates
 - Gates with optional additions



Design Process



7 Months | **15 Months**



“BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority hereby authorizes the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for all activities associated with the permitting, engineering, design services, and construction oversight services of replacing the Tainter gates and rehabilitating the Tainter gate hoist systems for the long-term protection and enhancement of the Sterling C. Robertson Dam in an amount not to exceed \$4,237,655.”



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