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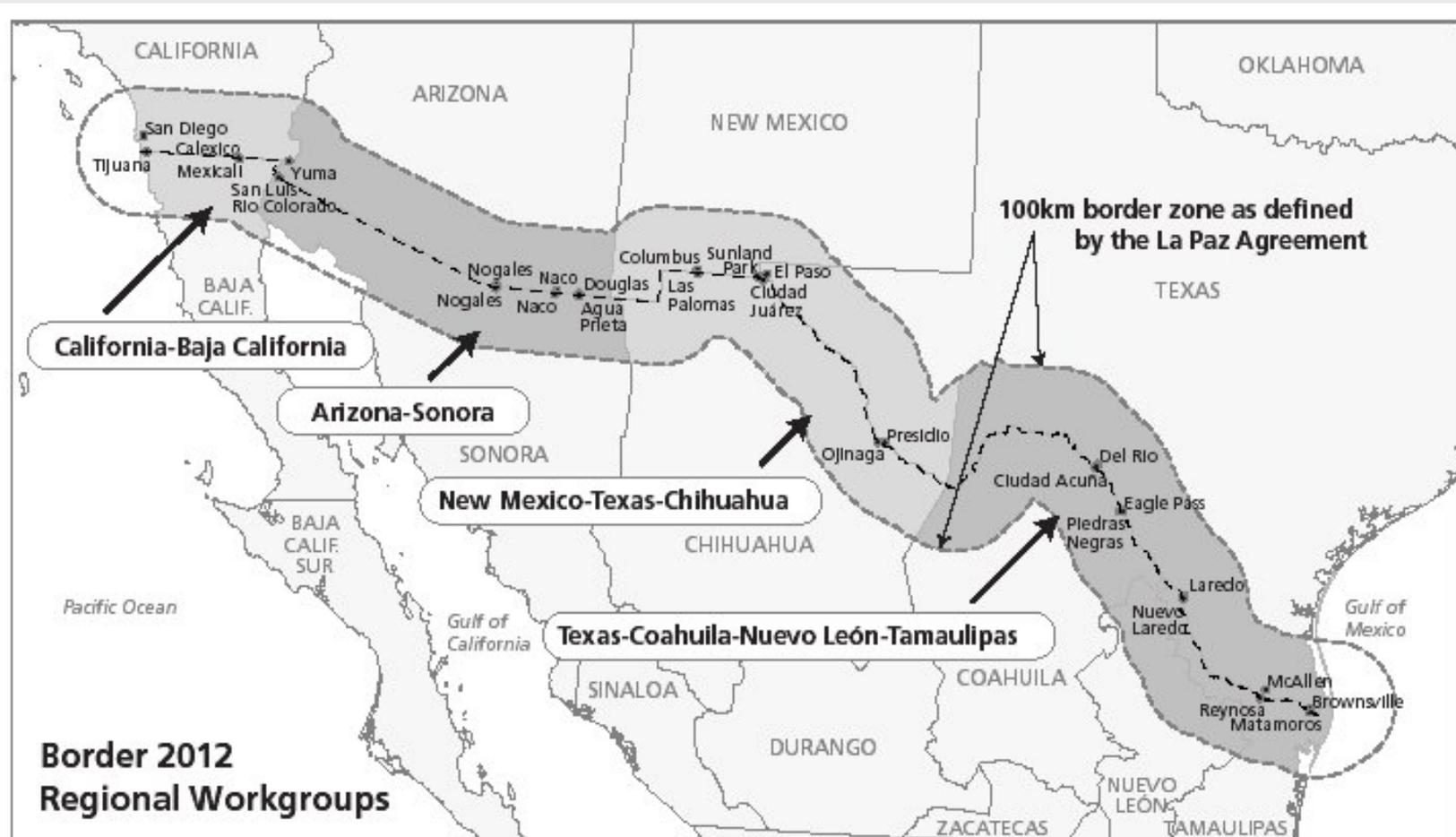
Activities and Progress in the Texas-Coahuila-  
Nuevo León-Tamaulipas Regional Workgroup

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# Four State Region—Easternmost Part of Border Area



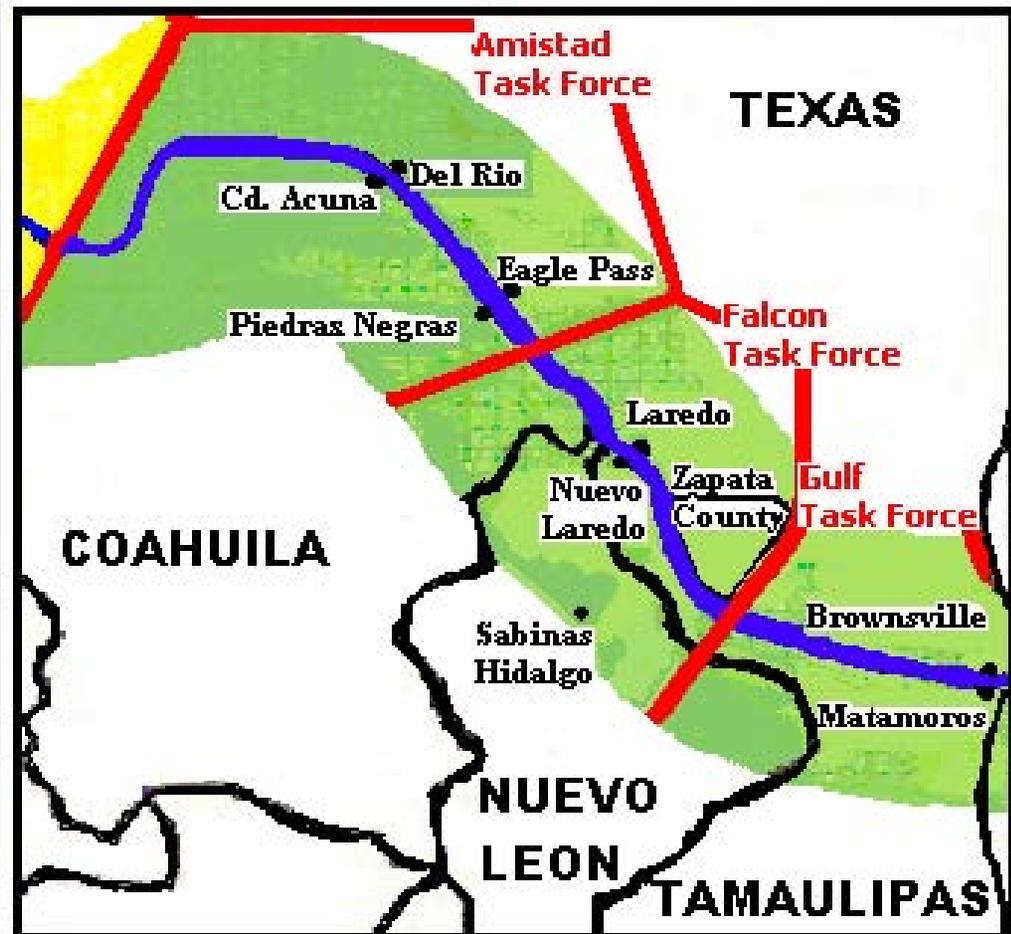
# Four-State Region

## Three Task Forces Geographically Defined

Amistad, Falcón,  
and Gulf

700 miles from Del Rio  
to the Gulf of Mexico

- ✓ 66 cities in  
this Region
- ✓ 151 additional  
communities  
that are not cities



# Regional Activities

- The University of Texas at Austin hosted a border-wide conference on the management of scrap tires and used oil on February 26 – March 1, 2007
- In collaboration with that conference, the Border 2012 Scrap Tire Group held its annual meeting in Austin on Feb. 28

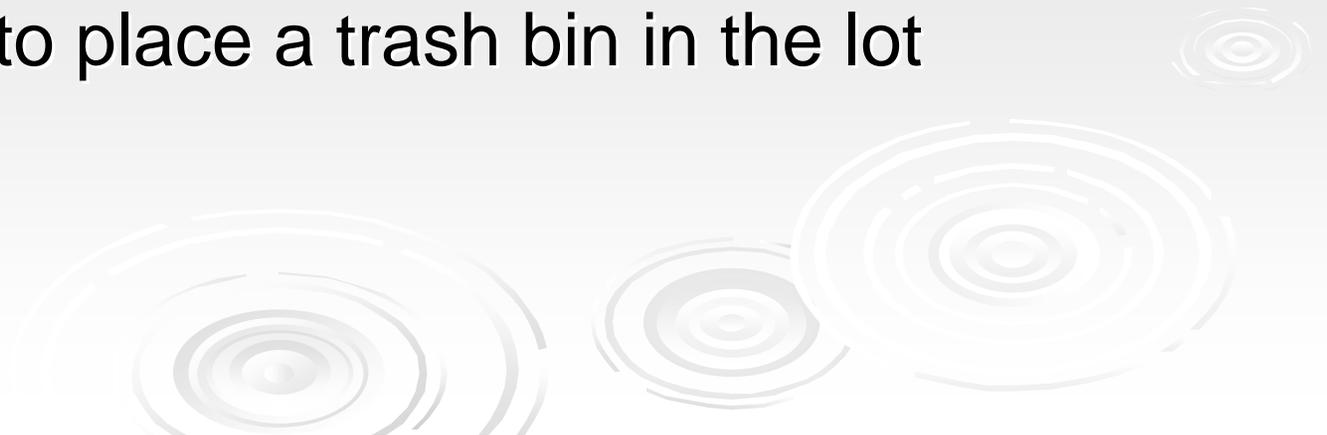
# Eagle Pass

- Through a successful public campaign that lasted two weeks. Eagle Pass was able to collect 29,000 scrap tires.
- Scrap tires were sent to a landfill in San Antonio, Texas



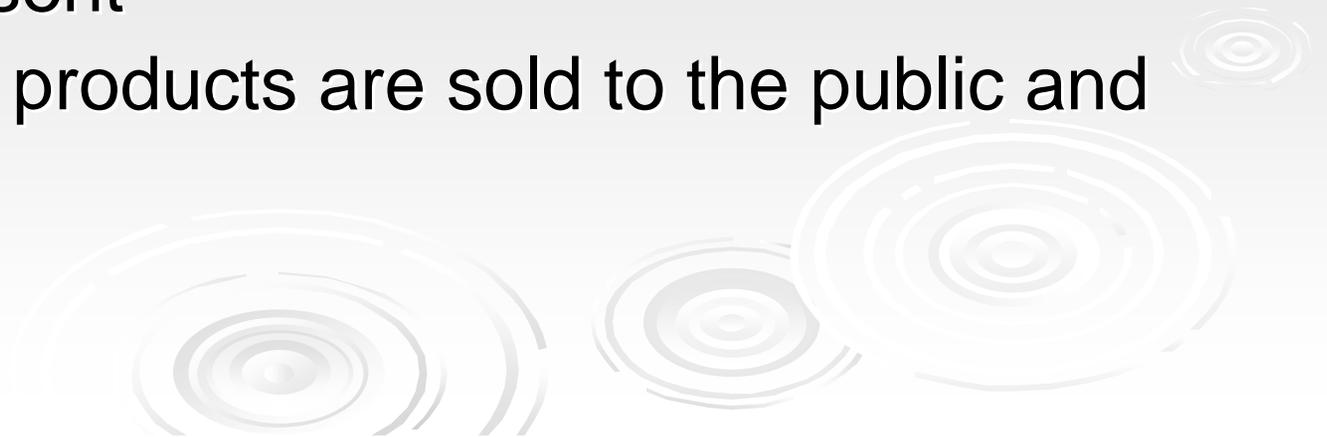
# Laredo

- The Citizens' Environmental Advisory Board is developing an ordinance that will forbid the use of plastic bags in all retail stores, for consideration by the City Council
- In 2005 the Laredo City Council passed an ordinance requiring all retail stores that have parking lots to place a trash bin in the lot



# McAllen

- The City of McAllen initiated a composting program using vegetative waste from the food processing industry in 2007.
- A total of 30,000 cubic yards of all types of compost was produced in FY 2007
- A total of 20,000 tons of vegetative waste has been turned into a compost product from March 2007 to present
- All compost products are sold to the public and contractors



# ¡Fin!

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