



As a resident of southern Costa Rica and one who has always been intrigued by projects like lake Diquis I am always on the look out for new or any interesting info I can find. And after the U.N.'s Mr. James Anaya made his visit earlier in the year the Diquis subject has gotten pretty quiet the last while.

One thing that got my attention recently, I was in an ICE office at the mall in San Isidro getting some changes done on my phone and of course you have to wait the longest time till your turn comes around and I began reading the articles about Diquis that they have posted on their walls. And on the table beside it was a stack of small newspapers called, „Ä"AVANCE DIQUIS.,Ä" I eagerly picked it up and began reading. The copy I have says it is the 2nd edition.

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The edition is mostly made up of ICE blowing their horn about all the social benefits they are bringing to southern Costa Rica but there are also a few articles about some „PEACE MARCHES,“ the locals have put on since ICE has threatened to possibly leave the area. The first „peace march,“ brought nearly 1,000 people to walk down Main Street in Buenos Aires waving banners showing their support to the lake Diquis project, banners that say, „For more bridges, roads and for the development of southern Costa Rica, YES to ICE Diquis!,“ Most places of business also joined in with banners that said their business supports Lake Diquis.



The director of the project Mr. Franklin Avila also contributed a short article with a title that says, „Forward Movement!,“ In the article Mr. Avila says that things are moving forward as planned and that while they are waiting for negotiations to happen with the Indians they simply

just pulled out of the Indian's Terraba region. He also informs that the lake Diquis project is moving forward with full support of the government of the republic of Costa Rica.

Mr. Avila also states that since the year 2008 Lake Diquis has invested over \$10 million in community projects in and around the Buenos Aires area.

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