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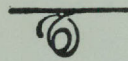
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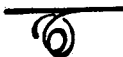
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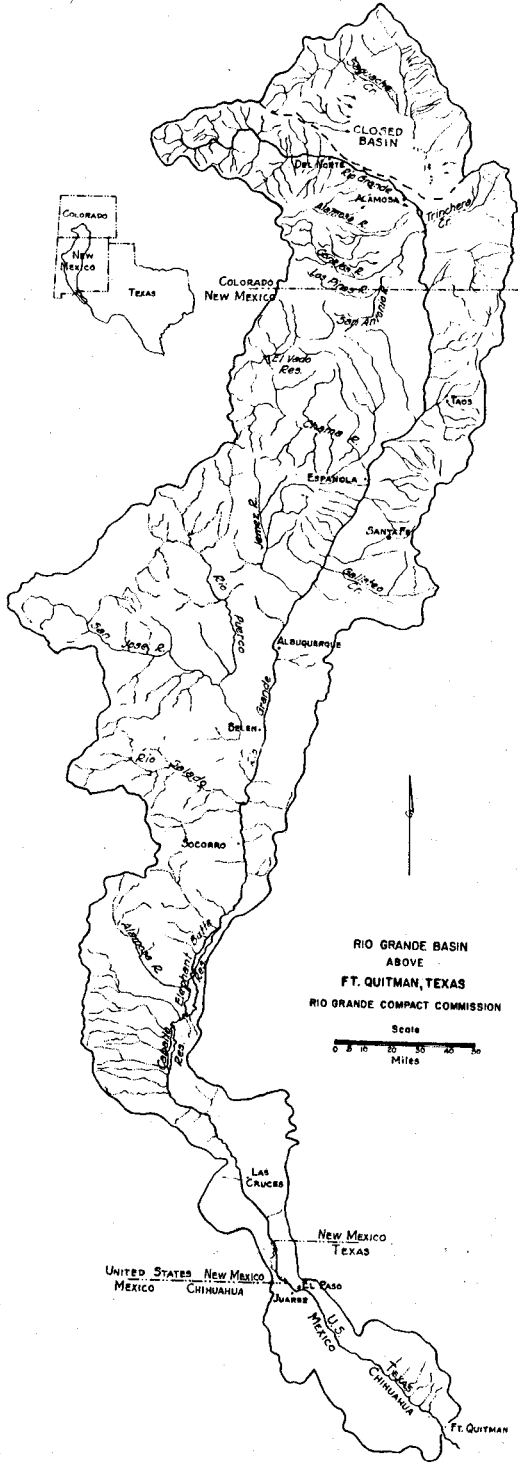
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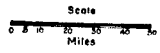
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NEW MEXICO

The Honorable Roy Romer
Governor of the State of Colorado
Denver, Colorado

March 26, 1992

The Honorable Bruce King
Governor of the State of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Honorable Ann Richards
Governor of the State of Texas
Austin, Texas

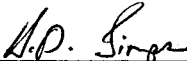
Dear Governors:

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Rio Grande Compact Commission was held in Alamosa, Colorado on March 26, 1992.

The Commission reviewed its prior reports and the current reports of the Secretary relative to streamflow at Compact gaging stations and storage in reservoirs for 1991. The Commission found that:

- (a) Deliveries of water at the Colorado-New Mexico state line by Colorado amounted to 311,400 acre-feet in 1991 and the scheduled delivery for the year was 310,200 acre-feet. The accrued credit of Colorado was 22,900 acre-feet on January 1, 1992. The increase in storage in 1991 in reservoirs in Colorado constructed after 1937 aggregated 10,200 acre-feet.
- (b) Deliveries of water into Elephant Butte Reservoir, as measured by the Elephant Butte Effective Supply, amounted to 942,100 acre-feet in 1991 and the scheduled delivery for the year was 837,800 acre-feet. The accrued credit of New Mexico was 54,000 acre-feet on January 1, 1992. Water stored in reservoirs in New Mexico above San Marcial totalled 20,900 acre-feet on December 31, 1991. The decrease in storage in 1991 in reservoirs in New Mexico above San Marcial constructed after 1929 aggregated 2,500 acre-feet.
- (c) Releases of usable water in 1991 from Project Storage amounted to 626,300 acre-feet.
- (d) Expenses of the administration of the Rio Grande Compact were \$118,999 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991. The United States bore \$49,870 of this total; the balance of \$69,129 was borne equally by the three States party to the Compact.

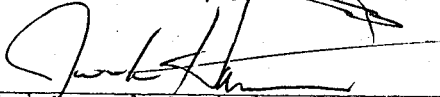
Respectfully,



Harold D. Simpson, Acting Commissioner for Colorado



Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner for New Mexico



Jack Hammond, Commissioner for Texas

RIO GRANDE COMPACT

The State of Colorado, the State of New Mexico, and the State of Texas, desiring to remove all causes of present and future controversy among these States and between citizens of one of these States and citizens of another State with respect to the use of the waters of the Rio Grande above Fort Quitman, Texas, and being moved by considerations of interstate comity, and for the purpose of effecting an equitable apportionment of such waters, have resolved to conclude a Compact for the attainment of these purposes, and to that end, through their respective Governors, have named as their respective Commissioners:

For the State of Colorado	M. C. Hinderlider
For the State of New Mexico	Thomas M. McClure
For the State of Texas	Frank B. Clayton

who, after negotiations participated in by S. O. Harper, appointed by the President as the representative of the United States of America, have agreed upon the following articles, to-wit:

ARTICLE I

(a) The State of Colorado, the State of New Mexico, the State of Texas, and the United States of America, are hereinafter designated "Colorado," "New Mexico," "Texas," and the "United States," respectively.

(b) "The Commission" means the agency created by this Compact for the administration thereof.

(c) The term "Rio Grande Basin" means all of the territory drained by the Rio Grande and its tributaries in Colorado, in New Mexico, and in Texas above Fort Quitman, including the Closed Basin in Colorado.

(d) The "Closed Basin" means that part of the Rio Grande Basin in Colorado where the streams drain into the San Luis Lakes and adjacent territory, and do not normally contribute to the flow of the Rio Grande.

(e) The term "tributary" means any stream which naturally contributes to the flow of the Rio Grande.

(f) "Transmountain Diversion" is water imported into the drainage basin of the Rio Grande from any stream system outside of the Rio Grande Basin, exclusive of the Closed Basin.

(g) "Annual Debits" are the amounts by which actual deliveries in any calendar year fall below scheduled deliveries.

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(h) "Annual Credits" are the amounts by which actual deliveries in any calendar year exceed scheduled deliveries.

(i) "Accrued Debits" are the amounts by which the sum of all annual debits exceeds the sum of all annual credits over any common period of time.

(j) "Accrued Credits" are the amounts by which the sum of all annual credits exceeds the sum of all annual debits over any common period of time.

(k) "Project Storage" is the combined capacity of Elephant Butte Reservoir and all other reservoirs actually available for the storage of usable water below Elephant Butte and above the first diversion to lands of the Rio Grande Project, but not more than a total of 2,638,860 acre feet.

(l) "Usable Water" is all water, exclusive of credit water, which is in project storage and which is available for release in accordance with irrigation demands, including deliveries to Mexico.

(m) "Credit Water" is that amount of water in project storage which is equal to the accrued credit of Colorado, or New Mexico, or both.

(n) "Unfilled Capacity" is the difference between the total physical capacity of project storage and the amount of usable water then in storage.

(o) "Actual Release" is the amount of usable water released in any calendar year from the lowest reservoir comprising project storage.

(p) "Actual Spill" is all water which is actually spilled from Elephant Butte Reservoir, or is released therefrom for flood control, in excess of the current demand on project storage and which does not become usable water by storage in another reservoir; provided, that actual spill of usable water cannot occur until all credit water shall have been spilled.

(q) "Hypothetical Spill" is the time in any year at which usable water would have spilled from project storage if 790,000 acre feet had been released therefrom at rates proportional to the actual release in every year from the starting date to the end of the year in which hypothetical spill occurs; in computing hypothetical spill the initial condition shall be the amount of usable water in project storage at the beginning of the calendar year following the effective date of this Compact, and thereafter the initial condition shall be the amount of usable water in project storage at the beginning of the calendar year following each actual spill.

ARTICLE II

The Commission shall cause to be maintained and operated a stream gaging station equipped with an automatic water stage recorder at each of the following points, to-wit:

- (a) On the Rio Grande near Del Norte above the principal points of diversion to the San Luis Valley;
- (b) On the Conejos River near Mogote;
- (c) On the Los Pinos River near Ortiz;
- (d) On the San Antonio River at Ortiz;
- (e) On the Conejos River at its mouths near Los Sauces;
- (f) On the Rio Grande near Lobatos;
- (g) On the Rio Chama below El Vado Reservoir;
- (h) On the Rio Grande at Otowi Bridge near San Ildefonso;
- (i) On the Rio Grande near San Acacia;
- (j) On the Rio Grande at San Marcial;
- (k) On the Rio Grande below Elephant Butte Reservoir;
- (l) On the Rio Grande below Caballo Reservoir.

Similar gaging stations shall be maintained and operated below any other reservoir constructed after 1929, and at such other points as may be necessary for the securing of records required for the carrying out of the Compact; and automatic water stage recorders shall be maintained and operated on each of the reservoirs mentioned, and on all others constructed after 1929.

Such gaging stations shall be equipped, maintained and operated by the Commission directly or in cooperation with an appropriate Federal or State agency, and the equipment, method and frequency of measurement at such stations shall be such as to produce reliable records at all times. (Note: See Resolution of Commission printed elsewhere in this report.)

ARTICLE III

The obligation of Colorado to deliver water in the Rio Grande at the Colorado-New Mexico State Line, measured at or near Lobatos, in each calendar year, shall be ten

thousand acre feet less than the sum of those quantities set forth in the two following tabulations of relationship, which correspond to the quantities at the upper index stations:

DISCHARGE OF CONEJOS RIVER

Quantities in thousands of acre feet

Conejos Index Supply (1)	Conejos River at Mouths (2)
100	0
150	20
200	45
250	75
300	109
350	147
400	188
450	232
500	278
550	326
600	376
650	426
700	476

Intermediate quantities shall be computed by proportional parts.

(1) Conejos Index Supply is the natural flow of Conejos River at the U.S.G.S. gaging station near Mogote during the calendar year, plus the natural flow of Los Pinos River at the U.S.G.S. gaging station near Ortiz and the natural flow of San Antonio River at the U.S.G.S. gaging station at Ortiz, both during the months of April to October, inclusive.

(2) Conejos River at Mouths is the combined discharge of branches of this river at the U.S.G.S. gaging stations near Los Sauces during the calendar year.

DISCHARGE OF RIO GRANDE EXCLUSIVE OF CONEJOS RIVER

Quantities in thousands of acre feet

Rio Grande at Del Norte (3)	Rio Grande at Lobatos less Conejos at Mouths (4)
200	60
250	65
300	75
350	86
400	98
450	112
500	127

DISCHARGE OF RIO GRANDE EXCLUSIVE OF CONEJOS RIVER--Con.

Quantities in thousands of acre feet

Rio Grande at Del Norte (3)	Rio Grande at Lobatos less Conejos at Mouths (4)
550	144
600	162
650	182
700	204
750	229
800	257
850	292
900	335
950	380
1,000	430
1,100	540
1,200	640
1,300	740
1,400	840

Intermediate quantities shall be computed by proportional parts.

(3) Rio Grande at Del Norte is the recorded flow of the Rio Grande at the U.S.G.S. gaging station near Del Norte during the calendar year (measured above all principal points of diversion to San Luis Valley) corrected for the operation of reservoirs constructed after 1937.

(4) Rio Grande at Lobatos less Conejos at Mouths is the total flow of the Rio Grande at the U.S.G.S. gaging station near Lobatos, less the discharge of Conejos River at its Mouths, during the calendar year.

The application of these schedules shall be subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth and appropriate adjustments shall be made for (a) any change in location of gaging stations; (b) any new or increased depletion of the runoff above inflow index gaging stations; and (c) any transmountain diversions into the drainage basin of the Rio Grande above Lobatos.

In event any works are constructed after 1937 for the purpose of delivering water into the Rio Grande from the Closed Basin, Colorado shall not be credited with the amount of such water delivered, unless the proportion of sodium ions shall be less than forty-five percent of the total positive ions in that water when the total dissolved solids in such water exceeds three hundred fifty parts per million.

ARTICLE IV

The obligation of New Mexico to deliver water in the Rio Grande at San Marcial, during each calendar year, exclusive of the months of July, August, and September, shall be that quantity set forth in the following tabulation of relationship, which corresponds to the quantity at the upper index station:

DISCHARGE OF RIO GRANDE AT OTOWI BRIDGE AND AT
SAN MARCIAL EXCLUSIVE OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Quantities in thousands of acre feet

Otowi Index Supply (5)	San Marcial Index Supply (6)
100	0
200	65
300	141
400	219
500	300
600	383
700	469
800	557
900	648
1,000	742
1,100	839
1,200	939
1,300	1,042
1,400	1,148
1,500	1,257
1,600	1,370
1,700	1,489
1,800	1,608
1,900	1,730
2,000	1,856
2,100	1,985
2,200	2,117
2,300	2,253

Intermediate quantities shall be computed by proportional parts.

(5) The Otowi Index Supply is the recorded flow of the Rio Grande at the U.S.G.S. gaging station at Otowi Bridge near San Ildefonso (formerly station near Buckman) during the calendar year, exclusive of the flow during the months of July, August and September, corrected for the operation of reservoirs constructed after 1929 in the drainage basin of the Rio Grande between Lobatos and Otowi Bridge.

(6) San Marcial Index Supply is the recorded flow of the Rio Grande at the gaging station at San Marcial during the calendar year exclusive of the flow during the months of July, August and September.

The application of this schedule shall be subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth and appropriate adjustments shall be made for (a) any change in location of gaging stations; (b) depletion after 1929 in New Mexico at any time of the year of the natural runoff at Otowi Bridge; (c) depletion of the runoff during July, August and September of tributaries between Otowi Bridge and San Marcial, by works constructed after 1937; and (d) any transmountain diversions into the Rio Grande between Lobatos and San Marcial.

Concurrent records shall be kept of the flow of the Rio Grande at San Marcial, near San Acacia, and of the release from Elephant Butte Reservoir to the end that the records at these three stations may be correlated. (Note: See Resolution of Commission printed elsewhere in this report.)

ARTICLE V

If at any time it should be the unanimous finding and determination of the Commission that because of changed physical conditions, or for any other reason, reliable records are not obtainable, or cannot be obtained, at any of the stream gaging stations herein referred to, such stations may, with the unanimous approval of the Commission, be abandoned, and with such approval another station, or other stations, shall be established and new measurements shall be substituted which, in the unanimous opinion of the Commission, will result in substantially the same results, so far as the rights and obligations to deliver water are concerned, as would have existed if such substitution of stations and measurements had not been so made. (Note: See Resolution of Commission printed elsewhere in this report.)

ARTICLE VI

Commencing with the year following the effective date of this Compact, all credits and debits of Colorado and New Mexico shall be computed for each calendar year; provided, that in a year of actual spill no annual credits nor annual debits shall be computed for that year.

In the case of Colorado, no annual debit nor accrued debit shall exceed 100,000 acre feet, except as either or both may be caused by holdover storage of water in reservoirs constructed after 1937 in the drainage basin of the

Rio Grande above Lobatos. Within the physical limitations of storage capacity in such reservoirs, Colorado shall retain water in storage at all times to the extent of its accrued debit.

In the case of New Mexico, the accrued debit shall not exceed 200,000 acre feet at any time, except as such debit may be caused by holdover storage of water in reservoirs constructed after 1929 in the drainage basin of the Rio Grande between Lobatos and San Marcial. Within the physical limitations of storage capacity in such reservoirs, New Mexico shall retain water in storage at all times to the extent of its accrued debit. In computing the magnitude of accrued credits or debits, New Mexico shall not be charged with any greater debit in any one year than the sum of 150,000 acre-feet and all gains in the quantity of water in storage in such year.

The Commission by unanimous action may authorize the release from storage of any amount of water which is then being held in storage by reason of accrued debits of Colorado or New Mexico; provided, that such water shall be replaced at the first opportunity thereafter.

In computing the amount of accrued credits and accrued debits of Colorado or New Mexico, any annual credits in excess of 150,000 acre feet shall be taken as equal to that amount.

In any year in which actual spill occurs, the accrued credits of Colorado, or New Mexico, or both, at the beginning of the year shall be reduced in proportion to their respective credits by the amount of such actual spill; provided, that the amount of actual spill shall be deemed to be increased by the aggregate gain in the amount of water in storage, prior to the time of spill, in reservoirs above San Marcial constructed after 1929; provided, further, that if the Commissioners for the States having accrued credits authorize the release of part, or all, of such credits in advance of spill, the amount so released shall be deemed to constitute actual spill.

In any year in which there is actual spill of usable water, or at the time of hypothetical spill thereof, all accrued debits of Colorado, or New Mexico, or both, at the beginning of the year shall be cancelled.

In any year in which the aggregate of accrued debits of Colorado and New Mexico exceeds the minimum unfilled capacity of project storage, such debits shall be reduced proportionally to an aggregate amount equal to such minimum unfilled capacity.

To the extent that accrued credits are impounded in reservoirs between San Marcial and Courchesne, and to the extent that accrued debits are impounded in reservoirs above San Marcial, such credits and debits shall be reduced annually to compensate for evaporation losses in the proportion that such credits or debits bore to the total amount of water in such reservoirs during the year.

ARTICLE VII

Neither Colorado nor New Mexico shall increase the amount of water in storage in reservoirs constructed after 1929 whenever there is less than 400,000 acre feet of usable water in project storage; provided, that if the actual releases of usable water from the beginning of the calendar year following the effective date of this Compact, or from the beginning of the calendar year following actual spill, have aggregated more than an average of 790,000 acre feet per annum, the time at which such minimum stage is reached shall be adjusted to compensate for the difference between the total actual release and releases at such average rate; provided, further, that Colorado, or New Mexico, or both, may relinquish accrued credits at any time, and Texas may accept such relinquished water, and in such event the state, or states, so relinquishing shall be entitled to store water in the amount of the water so relinquished.

ARTICLE VIII

During the month of January of any year the Commissioner for Texas may demand of Colorado and New Mexico, and the Commissioner for New Mexico may demand of Colorado, the release of water from storage reservoirs constructed after 1929 to the amount of the accrued debits of Colorado and New Mexico, respectively, and such releases shall be made by each at the greatest rate practicable under the conditions then prevailing, and in proportion to the total debit of each, and in amounts, limited by their accrued debits, sufficient to bring the quantity of usable water in project storage to 600,000 acre feet by March first and to maintain this quantity in storage until April thirtieth, to the end that a normal release of 790,000 acre feet may be made from project storage in that year.

ARTICLE IX

Colorado agrees with New Mexico that in event the United States or the State of New Mexico decides to construct the necessary works for diverting the waters of the San Juan River, or any of its tributaries, into the Rio Grande, Colorado hereby consents to the construction of said works and the diversion of waters from the San Juan

River, or the tributaries thereof, into the Rio Grande in New Mexico, provided the present and prospective uses of water in Colorado by other diversions from the San Juan River, or its tributaries, are protected.

ARTICLE X

In the event water from another drainage basin shall be imported into the Rio Grande Basin by the United States or Colorado or New Mexico, or any of them jointly, the State having the right to the use of such water shall be given proper credit therefor in the application of the schedules.

ARTICLE XI

New Mexico and Texas agree that upon the effective date of this Compact all controversies between said States relative to the quantity or quality of the water of the Rio Grande are composed and settled; however, nothing herein shall be interpreted to prevent recourse by a signatory state to the Supreme Court of the United States for redress should the character or quality of the water, at the point of delivery, be changed hereafter by one signatory state to the injury of another. Nothing herein shall be construed as an admission by any signatory state that the use of water for irrigation causes increase of salinity for which the user is responsible in law.

ARTICLE XII

To administer the provisions of this Compact there shall be constituted a Commission composed of one representative from each state, to be known as the Rio Grande Compact Commission. The State Engineer of Colorado shall be ex-officio the Rio Grande Compact Commissioner for Colorado. The State Engineer of New Mexico shall be ex-officio the Rio Grande Compact Commissioner for New Mexico. The Rio Grande Compact Commissioner for Texas shall be appointed by the Governor of Texas. The President of the United States shall be requested to designate a representative of the United States to sit with such Commission, and such representative of the United States, if so designated by the President, shall act as Chairman of the Commission without vote.

The salaries and personal expenses of the Rio Grande Compact Commissioners for the three States shall be paid by their respective States, and all other expenses incident to the administration of this Compact, not borne by the United States, shall be borne equally by the three States.

In addition to the powers and duties hereinbefore specifically conferred upon such Commission, and the members thereof, the jurisdiction of such Commission shall extend only to the collection, correlation and presentation of factual data and the maintenance of records having a bearing upon the administration of this Compact, and, by unanimous action, to the making of recommendations to the respective States upon matters connected with the administration of this Compact. In connection therewith, the Commission may employ such engineering and clerical aid as may be reasonably necessary within the limit of funds provided for that purpose by the respective States. Annual reports compiled for each calendar year shall be made by the Commission and transmitted to the Governors of the signatory States on or before March first following the year covered by the report. The Commission may, by unanimous action, adopt rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this Compact to govern their proceedings.

The findings of the Commission shall not be conclusive in any court or tribunal which may be called upon to interpret or enforce this Compact.

ARTICLE XIII

At the expiration of every five-year period after the effective date of this Compact, the Commission may, by unanimous consent, review any provisions hereof which are not substantive in character and which do not affect the basic principles upon which the Compact is founded, and shall meet for the consideration of such questions on the request of any member of the Commission; provided, however, that the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect until changed and amended within the intent of the Compact by unanimous action of the Commissioners, and until any changes in this Compact are ratified by the legislatures of the respective states and consented to by the Congress, in the same manner as this Compact is required to be ratified to become effective.

ARTICLE XIV

The schedules herein contained and the quantities of water herein allocated shall never be increased nor diminished by reason of any increase or diminution in the delivery or loss of water to Mexico.

ARTICLE XV

The physical and other conditions characteristic of the Rio Grande and peculiar to the territory drained and served thereby, and to the development thereof, have actuated this Compact and none of the signatory states admits that any provisions herein contained establishes any general principle or precedent applicable to other interstate streams.

ARTICLE XVI

Nothing in this Compact shall be construed as affecting the obligations of the United States of America to Mexico under existing treaties, or to the Indian Tribes, or as impairing the rights of the Indian Tribes.

ARTICLE XVII

This Compact shall become effective when ratified by the legislatures of each of the signatory states and consented to by the Congress of the United States. Notice of ratification shall be given by the Governor of each state to the Governors of the other states and to the President of the United States, and the President of the United States is requested to give notice to the Governors of each of the signatory states of the consent of the Congress of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Commissioners have signed this Compact in quadruplicate original, one of which shall be deposited in the archives of the Department of State of the United States of America and shall be deemed the authoritative original, and of which a duly certified copy shall be forwarded to the Governor of each of the signatory States.

RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT

Done at the City of Santa Fe, in the State of New Mexico, on the 18th day of March, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-eight.

(Sgd.) M. C. HINDERLIDER

(Sgd.) THOMAS M. McCLURE

(Sgd.) FRANK B. CLAYTON

APPROVED:

(Sgd.) S. O. HARPER

RATIFIED BY:

Colorado, February 21, 1939

New Mexico, March 1, 1939

Texas, March 1, 1939

Passed Congress as Public Act No. 96, 76th Congress,
Approved by the President May 31, 1939.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY RIO GRANDE COMPACT
COMMISSION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT
EL PASO, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 22-24, 1948,
CHANGING GAGING STATIONS AND MEASUREMENTS
OF DELIVERIES BY NEW MEXICO

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R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas, at the Annual Meeting of the Rio Grande Compact Commission in the year 1945, the question was raised as to whether or not a schedule for delivery of water by New Mexico during the entire year could be worked out, and

Whereas, at said meeting the question was referred to the Engineering Advisers for their study, recommendations and report, and

Whereas, said Engineering Advisers have met, studied the problems and under date of February 24, 1947, did submit their Report, which said Report contains the findings of said Engineering Advisers and their recommendations, and

Whereas, the Compact Commission has examined said Report and finds that the matters and things therein found and recommended are proper and within the terms of the Rio Grande Compact, and

Whereas, the Commission has considered said Engineering Advisers' Report and all available evidence, information and material and is fully advised:

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved:

The Commission finds as follows:

- (a) That because of change of physical conditions, reliable records of the amount of water passing San Marcial are no longer obtainable at the stream gaging station at San Marcial and that the same should be abandoned for Compact purposes.
- (b) That the need for concurrent records at San Marcial and San Acacia no longer exists and that the gaging station at San Acacia should be abandoned for Compact purposes.
- (c) That it is desirable and necessary that the obligations of New Mexico under the Compact to deliver water in the months of July, August, September, should be scheduled.

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- (d) That the change in gaging stations and substitution of the new measurements as hereinafter set forth will result in substantially the same results so far as the rights and obligations to deliver water are concerned, and would have existed if such substitution of stations and measurements had not been so made.

Be it Further Resolved:

That the following measurements and schedule thereof shall be substituted for the measurements and schedule thereof as now set forth in Article IV of the Compact:

"The obligation of New Mexico to deliver water in the Rio Grande into Elephant Butte Reservoir during each calendar year shall be measured by that quantity set forth in the following tabulation of relationship which corresponds to the quantity at the upper index station:

DISCHARGE OF RIO GRANDE AT OTOWI BRIDGE AND
ELEPHANT BUTTE EFFECTIVE SUPPLY

Quantities in thousands of acre-feet

Otowi Index Supply (5)	Elephant Butte Effective Index Supply (6)
100	57
200	114
300	171
400	228
500	286
600	345
700	406
800	471
900	542
1,000	621
1,100	707
1,200	800
1,300	897
1,400	996
1,500	1,095
1,600	1,195
1,700	1,295
1,800	1,395
1,900	1,495
2,000	1,595

DISCHARGE OF RIO GRANDE AT OTOWI BRIDGE AND
ELEPHANT BUTTE EFFECTIVE SUPPLY--Continued

Quantities in thousands of acre-feet

Otowi Index Supply (5)	Elephant Butte Effective Index Supply (6)
2,100	1,695
2,200	1,795
2,300	1,895
2,400	1,995
2,500	2,095
2,600	2,195
2,700	2,295
2,800	2,395
2,900	2,495
3,000	2,595

Intermediate quantities shall be computed by proportional parts.

- (5) The Otowi Index Supply is the recorded flow of the Rio Grande at the U.S.G.S. gaging station at Otowi Bridge near San Ildefonso (formerly station near Buckman) during the calendar year, corrected for the operation of reservoirs constructed after 1929 in the drainage basin of the Rio Grande between Lobatos and Otowi Bridge.
- (6) Elephant Butte Effective Index Supply is the recorded flow of the Rio Grande at the gaging station below Elephant Butte Dam during the calendar year plus the net gain in storage in Elephant Butte Reservoir during the same year or minus the net loss in storage in said reservoir, as the case may be.

The application of this schedule shall be subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth and appropriate adjustments shall be made for (a) any change in location of gaging stations; (b) depletion after 1929 in New Mexico of the natural runoff at Otowi Bridge; and (c) any transmountain diversions into the Rio Grande between Lobatos and Elephant Butte Reservoir."

Be it Further Resolved:

That the gaging stations at San Acacia and San Marcial be, and the same are hereby abandoned for Compact purposes.

Be it Further Resolved:

That this Resolution has been passed unanimously and shall be effective January 1, 1949, if within 120 days from this date the Commissioner for each State shall have received from the Attorney General of the State represented by him, an opinion approving this Resolution, and shall have so advised the Chairman of the Commission, otherwise, to be of no force and effect.

(Note: The following paragraph appears in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Commission held at Denver, Colorado, February 14-16, 1949:

"The Chairman announced that he had received, pursuant to the Resolution adopted by the Commission at the Ninth Annual Meeting on February 24, 1948, opinions from the Attorneys General of Colorado, New Mexico and Texas that the substitution of stations and measurements of deliveries by New Mexico set forth in said resolution was within the powers of the Commission").

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
ADMINISTRATION OF THE RIO GRANDE COMPACT

19

A Compact, known as the Rio Grande Compact, between the States of Colorado, New Mexico and Texas, having become effective on May 31, 1939 by consent of the Congress of the United States, which equitably apportions the waters of the Rio Grande above Fort Quitman and permits each State to develop its water resources at will, subject only to its obligations to deliver water in accordance with the schedules set forth in the Compact, the following Rules and Regulations have been adopted for its administration by the Rio Grande Compact Commission; to be and remain in force and effect only so long as the same may be satisfactory to each and all members of the Commission, and provided always that on the objection of any member of the Commission, in writing, to the remaining two members of the Commission after a period of sixty days from the date of such objection, the sentence, paragraph or any portion or all of these rules to which any such objection shall be made, shall stand abrogated and shall thereafter have no further force and effect; it being the intent and purpose of the Commission to permit these rules to obtain and be effective only so long as the same may be satisfactory to each and all of the Commissioners.

GAGING STATIONS 1

Responsibility for the equipping, maintenance and operation of the stream gaging stations and reservoir gaging stations required by the provisions of Article II of the Compact shall be divided among the signatory States as follows:

(a) Gaging stations on streams and reservoirs in the Rio Grande Basin above the Colorado-New Mexico boundary shall be equipped, maintained, and operated by Colorado in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey.

(b) Gaging stations on streams and reservoirs in the Rio Grande Basin below Lobatos and above Caballo Reservoir shall be equipped, maintained and operated by New Mexico in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey to the extent that such stations are not maintained and operated by some other Federal Agency.

(c) Gaging stations on Elephant Butte Reservoir and on Caballo Reservoir, and the stream gaging stations on the Rio Grande below those reservoirs shall be equipped, maintained and operated by or on behalf of Texas through the agency of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

1 Amended at Eleventh Annual Meeting, February 23, 1950.

The equipment, method and frequency of measurements at each gaging station shall be sufficient to obtain records at least equal in accuracy to those classified as "good" by the U.S. Geological Survey. Water-stage recorders on the reservoirs specifically named in Article II of the Compact shall have sufficient range below maximum reservoir level to record major fluctuations in storage. Staff gages may be used to determine fluctuations below the range of the water-stage recorders on these and other large reservoirs, and staff gages may be used upon approval of the Commission in lieu of water-stage recorders on small reservoirs, provided that the frequency of observation is sufficient in each case to establish any material changes in water levels in such reservoirs.

RESERVOIR CAPACITIES 1

Colorado shall file with the Commission a table of areas and capacities for each reservoir in the Rio Grande Basin above Lobatos constructed after 1937; New Mexico shall file with the Commission a table of areas and capacities for each reservoir in the Rio Grande Basin between Lobatos and San Marcial constructed after 1929; and Texas shall file with the Commission tables of areas and capacities for Elephant Butte Reservoir and for all other reservoirs actually available for the storage of water between Elephant Butte and the first diversion to lands under the Rio Grande Project.

Whenever it shall appear that any table of areas and capacities is in error by more than five per cent, the Commission shall use its best efforts to have a re-survey made and a corrected table of areas and capacities to be substituted as soon as practicable. To the end that the Elephant Butte effective supply may be computed accurately, the Commission shall use its best efforts to have the rate of accumulation and the place of deposition of silt in Elephant Butte Reservoir checked at least every three years.

ACTUAL SPILL 2

(a) Water released from Elephant Butte in excess of Project requirements, which is currently passed through Caballo Reservoir, prior to the time of spill, shall be deemed to have been Usable Water released in anticipation of spill, or Credit Water if such release shall have been authorized.

1 Amended at Eleventh Annual Meeting, February 23, 1950.
2 Adopted at Fourth Annual Meeting, February 24, 1943.

(b) Excess releases from Elephant Butte Reservoir, as defined in (a) above, shall be added to the quantity of water actually in storage in that reservoir, and Actual Spill shall be deemed to have commenced when this sum equals the total physical capacity of that reservoir, to the level of the uncontrolled spillway, i.e. -2,219,000 acre-ft in 1942.

(c) All water actually spilled at Elephant Butte Reservoir, or released therefrom, in excess of Project requirements, which is currently passed through Caballo Reservoir, after the time of spill, shall be considered as Actual Spill, provided that the total quantity of water then in storage in Elephant Butte Reservoir exceeds the physical capacity of that reservoir at the level of the sill of the spillway gates, i.e. -1,830,000 acre-ft in 1942.

(d) Water released from Caballo Reservoir in excess of Project requirements and in excess of water currently released from Elephant Butte Reservoir, shall be deemed Usable Water released, excepting only flood water entering Caballo Reservoir from tributaries below Elephant Butte Reservoir.

DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL RELEASES /3

For the purpose of computing the time of Hypothetical Spill required by Article VI and for the purpose of the adjustment set forth in Article VII, no allowance shall be made for the difference between Actual and Hypothetical Evaporation, and any under-release of usable water from Project Storage in excess of 150,000 acre-ft in any year shall be taken as equal to that amount.

EVAPORATION LOSSES /4, /5, /6

The Commission shall encourage the equipping, maintenance and operation, in cooperation with the U.S. Weather Bureau or other appropriate agency, of evaporation stations at Elephant Butte Reservoir and at or near each major reservoir in the Rio Grande Basin within Colorado constructed after 1937 and in New Mexico constructed after 1929. The net loss by evaporation from a reservoir surface shall be taken as the difference between the actual evaporation loss and the evapo-transpiration losses which would have occurred naturally, prior to the construction of such reservoir. Changes in evapo-transpiration losses along stream channels below reservoirs may be disregarded.

/3 Adopted June 2, 1959; made effective January 1, 1952.

/4 Amended at Tenth Annual Meeting, February 15, 1949.

/5 Amended at Twelfth Annual Meeting, February 24, 1951.

/6 Amended June 2, 1959.

Net losses by evaporation, as defined above, shall be used in correcting Index Supplies for the operation of reservoirs upstream from Index Gaging Stations as required by the provisions of Article III and Article IV of the Compact.

In the application of the provisions of the last unnumbered paragraph of Article VI of the Compact:

(a) Evaporation losses for which accrued credits shall be reduced shall be taken as the difference between the gross evaporation from the water surface of Elephant Butte Reservoir and rainfall on the same surface.

(b) Evaporation losses for which accrued debits shall be reduced shall be taken as the net loss by evaporation as defined in the first paragraph.

ADJUSTMENT OF RECORDS

The Commission shall keep a record of the location, and description of each gaging station and evaporation station, and, in the event of change in location of any stream gaging station for any reason, it shall ascertain the increment in flow or decrease in flow between such locations for all stages. Wherever practicable, concurrent records shall be obtained for one year before abandonment of the previous station.

NEW OR INCREASED DEPLETIONS

In the event any works are constructed which alter or may be expected to alter the flow at any of the Index Gaging Stations mentioned in the Compact, or which may otherwise necessitate adjustments in the application of the schedules set forth in the Compact, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner specifically concerned to file with the Commission all available information pertaining thereto, and appropriate adjustments shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Compact; provided, however, that any such adjustments shall in no way increase the burden imposed upon Colorado or New Mexico under the schedules of deliveries established by the Compact.

TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS

In the event any works are constructed for the delivery of waters into the drainage basin of the Rio Grande from any stream system outside of the Rio Grande Basin, such waters shall be measured at the point of delivery into the Rio Grande Basin and proper allowances shall be made for losses in transit from such points to the Index Gaging Station on the stream with which the imported waters are comingled.

QUALITY OF WATER

In the event that delivery of water is made from the Closed Basin into the Rio Grande, sufficient samples of such water shall be analyzed to ascertain whether the quality thereof is within the limits established by the Compact.

SECRETARY 7

The Commission, subject to the approval of the Director, U.S. Geological Survey, to a cooperative agreement for such purposes, shall employ the U.S. Geological Survey on a yearly basis, to render such engineering and clerical aid as may reasonably be necessary for administration of the Compact. Said agreement shall provide that the Geological Survey shall:

(1) Collect and correlate all factual data and other records having a material bearing on the administration of the Compact and keep each Commissioner advised thereof.

(2) Inspect all gaging stations required for administration of the Compact and make recommendations to the Commission as to any changes or improvements in methods of measurement or facilities for measurement which may be needed to insure that reliable records be obtained.

(3) Report to each Commissioner by letter on or before the fifteenth day of each month, except January, a summary of all hydrographic data then available for the current year - on forms prescribed by the Commission - pertaining to:

- (a) Deliveries by Colorado
- (b) Deliveries by New Mexico
- (c) Operation of Project Storage

(4) Make such investigations as may be requested by the Commission in aid of its administration of the Compact.

(5) Act as Secretary to the Commission and submit to the Commission at its regular meeting in February a report on its activities and a summary of all data needed for determination of debits and credits and other matters pertaining to administration of the Compact.

7 The substitution of this section for the section titled "Reports to Commissioners" was adopted at Ninth Annual Meeting, February 22, 1948.

COSTS 1

In February of each year, the Commission shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July first.

Such budget shall set forth the total cost of maintenance and operating of gaging stations, of evaporation stations, the cost of engineering and clerical aid, and all other necessary expenses excepting the salaries and personal expenses of the Rio Grande Compact Commissioners.

Contributions made directly by the United States and the cost of services rendered by the United States without cost shall be deducted from the total budget amount; the remainder shall then be allocated equally to Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

Expenditures made directly by any State for purposes set forth in the budget shall be credited to that State; contributions in cash or in services by any State under a cooperative agreement with any federal agency shall be credited to such State, but the amount of the federal contribution shall not so be credited; in event any State, through contractual relationships, causes work to be done in the interest of the Commission, such State shall be credited with the cost thereof, unless such cost is borne by the United States.

Costs incurred by the Commission under any cooperative agreement between the Commission and any U.S. Government Agency, not borne by the United States, shall be apportioned equally to each State, and each Commissioner shall arrange for the prompt payment of one-third thereof by his State.

The Commissioner of each State shall report at the annual meeting each year the amount of money expended during the year by the State which he represents, as well as the portion thereof contributed by all cooperating federal agencies, and the Commission shall arrange for such proper reimbursement in cash or credits between States as may be necessary to equalize the contributions made by each State in the equipment, maintenance and operation of all gaging stations authorized by the Commission and established under the terms of the Compact.

It shall be the duty of each Commissioner to endeavor to secure from the Legislature of his State an appropriation of sufficient funds with which to meet the obligations of his State, as provided by the Compact.

1 Amended at Eleventh Annual Meeting, February 23, 1950.

MEETING OF COMMISSION 1, 8

The Commission shall meet in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the third Thursday of February of each year for the consideration and adoption of the annual report for the calendar year preceding, and for the transaction of any other business consistent with its authority; provided that the Commission may agree to meet elsewhere. Other meetings as may be deemed necessary shall be held at any time and place set by mutual agreement, for the consideration of data collected and for the transaction of any business consistent with its authority.

No action of the Commission shall be effective until approved by the Commissioner from each of the three signatory States.

(Signed) M. C. HINDERLIDER

M. C. Hinderlider
Commissioner for Colorado

(Signed) THOMAS M. McCLURE

Thomas M. McClure
Commissioner for New Mexico

(Signed) JULIAN P. HARRISON

Julian P. Harrison
Commissioner for Texas

Adopted December 19, 1939.

1 Amended at Eleventh Annual Meeting, February 23, 1950.

8 Amended at Thirteenth Annual Meeting, February 25, 1952.

RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT
RECORDS OF DELIVERIES AND RELEASES

At the annual meeting of the Compact Commission on March 26, 1992, the records of deliveries and releases and computations of debits and credits for calendar year 1991 were reported. The records and computations as approved by the Commission are reproduced on the next three pages.

The delivery of water in the Rio Grande at the Colorado-New Mexico State line was obtained from the record of streamflow near Lobatos, Colorado; the scheduled delivery was computed as prescribed in Article III.

The delivery of water by New Mexico to Elephant Butte was computed from the record of streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam and the record of operation of Elephant Butte Reservoir; the scheduled delivery was computed as prescribed in the Resolution of the Commission adopted at the Ninth Annual Meeting held February 22-24, 1948, and published in this report.

The actual release from Project Storage during the year was measured at gaging stations below Caballo Dam. The balance for items P2 through P7 will not be computed until needed. As long as actual release was less than cumulative normal release, item P7 has no application in the accounting.

RIO GRANDE COMPACT - DELIVERIES BY COLORADO AT STATE LINE YEAR 1991

March 4, 1992

Quantities in Thousands of Acre Feet to Nearest Hundred

MONTH	CORNEJOS INDEX SUPPLY											RIO GRANDE INDEX SUPPLY							DELIVERIES				
	MEASURED FLOW					ADJUSTMENTS				SUPPLY		AS-COLORED FLOW BEAR DEL. WATER	ADJUSTMENTS					SUPPLY		CORNEJOS AVERAGE AT MONTHS BEAR LOS SINCE	RIO GRANDE LESS CORNEJO AVERAGE	RIO GRANDE AT LOBATOS	ACCUMULATED TOTAL AT LOBATOS
	CORNEJOS AT MOGOTE	LOS PINOS BEAR ONITE	SAN JUAN AT ONITE	TOTAL	STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	CHANGE IN STORAGE	OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	NET ADJUSTMENT	SUPPLY IN MONTH	ACCUMULATED TOTAL	STORAGE AT END OF MONTH		CHANGE IN STORAGE	TRANSMOUNTAIN PHISSIONS	OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	NET ADJUSTMENT	SUPPLY IN MONTH	ACCUMULATED TOTAL					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
					6.5					4								4				4	
JAN	2.9			2.9	7.0	+0.5		+0.5	3.4	3.4	10.7	0	0			0	10.7	10.7	3.7	14.0	17.7	17.7	
FEB	2.9			2.9	7.3	+0.3		+0.3	3.2	6.6	10.9	0	0			0	10.9	21.6	4.4	13.4	17.8	35.5	
MAR	4.0			4.0	7.9	+0.6		+0.6	4.6	11.2	13.7	0	0			0	13.7	35.3	7.1	21.1	28.2	63.7	
APR	22.7	19.2	11.8	53.7	9.6	+1.7		+1.7	55.4	66.6	51.3	0	0			0	51.3	86.6	30.8	24.7	55.5	119.2	
MAY	71.9	43.5	8.0	123.4	17.5	+7.9		+7.9	131.3	197.9	179.8	0	0			0	179.8	266.4	45.0	18.4	63.4	182.6	
JUN	56.0	17.2	0.8	74.0	33.7	+16.2	+0.1 ^a	+16.3	90.3	288.2	166.9	0	0			0	166.9	433.3	16.9	27.8	44.7	227.3	
JUL	28.7	4.3	0.1	33.1	25.6	-8.1	+0.1 ^a	-8.0	25.1	313.3	62.2	0	0	-2.1 ^b	+0.1 ^a	-2.0	60.2	493.5	9.9	9.9	19.8	247.1	
AUG	21.0	3.3	0.3	24.6	20.6	-5.0	+0.1 ^a	-4.9	19.7	333.0	31.9	0	0			0	31.9	525.4	8.2	5.7	13.9	261.0	
SEPT	15.3	2.2	0.1	17.6	16.5	-4.1		-4.1	13.5	346.5	37.5	0	0			0	37.5	562.9	6.3	6.1	12.4	273.4	
OCT	5.6	1.1	0.1	6.8	15.2	-1.3		-1.3	5.5	352.0	18.1	0	0			0	18.1	581.0	1.5	3.1	4.6	278.0	
NOV	4.1			4.1	15.9	+0.7		+0.7	4.8	356.8	13.9	0	0			0	13.9	594.9	4.3	12.2	16.5	294.5	
DEC	3.4			3.4	16.7	+0.8		+0.8	4.2	361.0	10.6	0	0			0	10.6	605.5	3.5	13.4	16.9	311.4	
YEAR	238.5	90.8	21.2	350.5		+10.2	+0.3	+10.5	361.0		607.5		0	-2.1	+0.1	-2.0	605.5		141.6	169.8	311.4 ^c		

REMARKS:

Col. 6 does not include transmountain water.

- a Evaporation loss post-compact reservoirs; report of Eng. Adv. for Colorado.
- b 2,354 ac-ft minus 243 ac-ft pre-compact; report of Eng. Adv. for Colorado
- c Gaged flow minus 510 ac-ft Closed Basin delivery not creditable; report of Bureau of Reclamation.

SUMMARY OF DEBITS AND CREDITS

ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
C1 Balance of Beginning of Year			CF 23.7
C2 Scheduled Delivery from Cornosa P. Near	156.0		Dr 132.3
C3 Scheduled Delivery from Rio Grande	164.2		Dr 296.5
C4 Actual Delivery at Lobatos plus 10,000 Acre Feet		321.4	Cr 21.9
C5 Reduction of Debits % Evaporation		0.0	Cr 24.9
C6 Reduction of Credits % Evaporation	2.0		Cr 22.9
C7			
C8 Balance of End of Year			CF 22.9

RIO GRANDE COMPACT - DELIVERIES BY NEW MEXICO AT ELEPHANT BUTTE

YEAR 1991

March 4, 1992

Quantities in Thousands of Acre Feet to Nearest Hundred

MONTH	OTOWI INDEX SUPPLY									Total Water Stored in New Mexico Above San Marcial at End of Month	ELEPHANT BUTTE EFFECTIVE SUPPLY				
	Recorded Flow at Otowi Bridge	ADJUSTMENTS						INDEX SUPPLY			STORAGE IN ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR		Recorded Flow Below Elephant Butte Dam	EFFECTIVE SUPPLY	
		RESERVOIRS: LOBATOS re OTOWI						During Month	Accumulated Total		End of Month	Change Gain (+) Loss (-)		During Month	Accumulated Total
		Storage-End of Month	Change in Storage	Reservoir Evaporation	Other Adjustments	Trans-mountain Diversions	Net Adjustment								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	—	20.2 ^a	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.4 ^a	1364.4	—	—	—	—
JAN	52.1	19.7	-0.5	0		-0.6	-1.1	51.0	51.0	21.4	1411.0	+46.6	0.7	47.3	47.3
FEB	59.1	19.4	-0.3	0		-0.6	-0.9	58.2	109.2	21.2	1437.8	+26.8	24.9	51.7	99.0
MAR	93.7	19.3	-0.1	0.1		-0.3	-0.3	93.4	202.6	20.9	1409.2	-28.6	82.0	53.4	152.4
APR	181.8	63.7	+44.4	0.4		-0.4	+44.4	226.2	428.8	83.9	1411.7	+2.5	82.8	85.3	237.7
MAY	280.5	104.8	+41.1	1.1		+0.4	+42.6	323.1	751.9	185.3	1457.5	+45.8	93.3	139.1	376.8
JUN	205.9	55.8	-49.0	0.7		-2.0	-50.3	155.6	907.5	78.6	1519.4	+61.9	114.5	176.4	553.2
JUL	85.5	56.3	+0.5	0.4		-22.4	-21.5	64.0	971.5	64.5	1517.7	-1.7	89.2	87.5	640.7
AUG	93.6	54.9	-1.4	0.4		-6.2	-7.2	86.4	1057.9	56.8	1569.1	+51.4	38.8	90.2	730.9
SEPT	66.3	54.2	-0.7	0.4		-14.6	-14.9	51.4	1109.3	56.0	1568.5	-0.6	45.0	44.4	775.3
OCT	42.5	53.6	-0.6	0.6		-15.1	-15.1	27.4	1136.7	55.3	1546.7	-21.8	26.5	4.7	780.0
NOV	72.3	33.8	-19.8	0.2		-0.3	-19.9	52.4	1189.1	35.7	1613.4	+66.7	0.4	67.1	847.1
DEC	69.4	19.1	-14.7	0.1		-4.9	-19.5	49.9	1239.0	20.9	1707.9	+94.5	0.5	95.0	942.1
YEAR	1302.7	—	-1.1	+4.4		-67.0	-63.7	1239.0	—	—	—	+343.5	598.6	942.1	—

REMARKS: Storage in recreational reservoirs not included.
Cols. 3, 11 and 12 do not include transmountain water.

a Revised contents based on new capacity table for Abiquiu Reservoir effective Jan. 1, 1991.

SUMMARY OF DEBITS AND CREDITS

ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
NM 1 Balance at Beginning of Year	—	—	Dr 51.1
NM 2 Scheduled Delivery of Elephant Butte	837.8	—	Dr 888.9
NM 3 Actual Elephant Butte Effective Supply	—	942.1	Cr 53.2
NM 4 Reduction of Debits % Evaporation	—	0.8	Cr 54.0
NM 5 Reduction of Credits % Evaporation	0.0	—	Cr 54.0
NM 6			
NM 7			
NM 8 Balance at End of Year	—	—	Cr 54.0

RIO GRANDE COMPACT - RELEASE AND SPILL FROM PROJECT STORAGE

YEAR 1991

March 4, 1992

Quantities in Thousands of Acre Feet to Nearest Hundred

MONTH	TOTAL PROJECT STORAGE CAPACITY AVAILABLE AT END OF MONTH	USABLE WATER IN STORAGE			UNFILLED CAPACITY OF PROJECT STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	CREDIT WATER IN STORAGE			FLOOD WATER IN STORAGE IN CABALLO RESERVOIR AT END OF MONTH	TOTAL WATER IN PROJECT STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	RIO GRANDE BELOW CABALLO DAM							
		ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR	CABALLO RESERVOIR	TOTAL AT END OF MONTH		COLORADO CREDIT WATER	NEW MEXICO CREDIT WATER	TOTAL AT END OF MONTH			MEASURED FLOW AT CABALLO GAGING STATION	INTERVENING DIVERSIONS TO CABALS	TOTAL RELEASE AND SPILL	SPILL FROM STORAGE			USABLE RELEASE	
														CABALLO FLOOD WATER	CREDIT WATER	USABLE WATER	NET DURING MONTH	ACCUMULATED TOTAL
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	a	1345.5	51.5	1397.0		18.9	0	18.9		1415.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
JAN		1387.3	55.7	1443.0		23.7	0	23.7		1466.7	0.1	0.0	0.1				0.1	0.1
FEB		1414.2	66.7	1480.9		23.6	0	23.6		1504.5	13.1	0.0	13.1				13.1	13.2
MAR		1385.9	44.9	1430.8		23.3	0	23.3		1454.1	105.6	0.0	105.6				105.6	118.8
APR		1388.7	52.8	1441.5		23.0	0	23.0		1464.5	71.5	0.0	71.5				71.5	190.3
MAY		1434.9	55.1	1490.0		22.6	0	22.6		1512.6	88.1	0.1	88.2				88.2	278.5
JUN		1497.2	50.0	1547.2		22.2	0	22.2		1569.4	114.5	0.0	114.5				114.5	393.0
JUL		1495.7	44.4	1540.1		22.0	0	22.0		1562.1	94.3	0.1	94.4				94.4	487.4
AUG		1547.2	19.1	1566.3		21.9	0	21.9		1588.2	66.8	0.1	66.9				66.9	554.3
SEPT		1546.7	23.1	1569.8		21.8	0	21.8		1591.6	49.7	0.0	49.7				49.7	604.0
OCT		1525.0	28.6	1553.6		21.7	0	21.7		1575.3	22.1	0.0	22.1				22.1	626.1
NOV		1591.8	31.5	1623.3		21.6	0	21.6		1644.9	0.1	0.0	0.1				0.1	626.2
DEC		1686.2	38.3	1724.5		21.7	0	21.7		1746.2	0.1	0.0	0.1				0.1	626.3
YEAR		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	626.0	0.3	626.3				626.3	—

REMARKS:		ACCUMULATED DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL RELEASE			
		ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
a Agreement on project storage capacity not reached, see Engineer Advisers' report.		P1	—	—	b
		P2	626.3	—	b
		P3	—	790.0	b
b Computation not needed because cumulative actual release is less than cumulative normal release of 790,000 ac-ft., refer to report of Engineer Advisers for the year 1989.		P4	—	—	b
		P5	—	—	b
		P6	—	—	b
		P7	—	—	b
		TIME OF HYPOTHETICAL SPILL <u>Did not occur</u>			

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COST OF OPERATION FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1991

ITEM	TOTAL COST	BORNE BY			
		UNITED STATES	COLORADO	NEW MEXICO	TEXAS
GAGING STATIONS					
In Colorado	\$33,960	\$16,980	\$16,980	—	—
In New Mexico, above Caballo Reservoir	42,480	26,640	—	\$15,840	—
In New Mexico, Caballo Reservoir and below	19,260	1,140	—	1,140	\$16,980
Subtotals:	\$95,700	\$44,760	\$16,980	\$16,980	\$16,980
ADMINISTRATION					
USGS Contract	\$20,440	\$ 5,110	\$ 5,110	\$ 5,110	\$ 5,110
Other expense	2,859	—	953	953	953
Subtotals	\$23,299	\$ 5,110	\$ 6,063	\$ 6,063	\$ 6,063
GRAND TOTALS:	\$118,999	\$49,870	\$23,043	\$23,043	\$23,043
EQUAL SHARES OF STATES:	—	—	\$23,043	\$23,043	\$23,043

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1993

ITEM	TOTAL COST	BORNE BY			
		UNITED STATES	COLORADO	NEW MEXICO	TEXAS
GAGING STATIONS					
In Colorado	\$37,440	\$16,590	\$20,850	—	—
In New Mexico, above Caballo Reservoir	46,830	27,380	—	\$19,450	—
In New Mexico, Caballo Reservoir and below	23,370	1,120	—	1,400	\$20,850
Subtotals:	\$107,640	\$45,090	\$20,850	\$20,850	\$20,850
ADMINISTRATION					
USGS Contract	\$18,580	\$ 4,645	\$ 4,645	\$ 4,645	\$ 4,645
Other expense	2,580	—	860	860	860
Subtotals:	\$21,160	\$ 4,645	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505
GRAND TOTALS:	\$128,800	\$49,735	\$26,355	\$26,355	\$26,355
EQUAL SHARES OF STATES:	—	—	\$26,355	\$26,355	\$26,355

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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This report was prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey, secretary to the Rio Grande Compact Commission. The water-supply data contained in this report have been provided by various Federal and State agencies.

The office of the State Engineer of Colorado provided records of discharge for the following:

- Rio Grande near Del Norte, Colo.
- Conejos River below Platoro Reservoir, Colo.
- Conejos River near Mogote, Colo.
- San Antonio River at Ortiz, Colo.
- Los Pinos River near Ortiz, Colo.
- Conejos River near Lasausas, Colo.
- Rio Grande near Lobatos, Colo.

Records of six transmountain diversions and of storage in Squaw and Shaw Lakes, Rito Hondo, Hermit Lakes Reservoir No. 3, Troutvale No. 2, Jumper Creek, Alberta Park, Big Meadows, Mill Creek, Fuchs, and Trujillo Meadows Reservoirs were also provided by the office of the State Engineer of Colorado.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque, N. Mex., provided the following records:

- Storage in Platoro Reservoir at Platoro, Colo.
- Azotea tunnel at outlet, near Chama, N. Mex.
- Willow Creek above Heron Res., near Los Ojos, N. Mex.
- Horse Lake Creek above Heron Res., near Los Ojos, N. Mex.
- Storage in Heron Reservoir near Los Ojos, N. Mex.
- Willow Creek below Heron Dam, N. Mex.
- Storage in El Vado Reservoir near Tierra Amarilla, N. Mex.
- Storage in Nambe Falls Reservoir near Nambe, N. Mex.
- Rio Nambe below Nambe Falls Dam, near Nambe, N. Mex.

The U.S. Geological Survey supplied the record for Rio Grande below Elephant Butte Dam, and in cooperation with the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, also provided the following:

- Rio Chama below El Vado Dam, N. Mex.
- Rio Grande at Otowi Bridge, near San Ildefonso, N. Mex.
- Storage in McClure Reservoir near Santa Fe, N. Mex.
- Santa Fe River near Santa Fe, N. Mex.
- Storage in Nichols Reservoir near Santa Fe, N. Mex.

The U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque, N. Mex., also provided the following records:

- Rio Chama below Abiquiu Dam, N. Mex.
- Rio Grande below Cochiti Dam, N. Mex.
- Galisteo Creek below Galisteo Dam, N. Mex.
- Jemez River below Jemez Canyon Dam, N. Mex.

The Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque, N. Mex., provided the records of storage in Abiquiu, Galisteo, and Jemez Canyon Reservoirs and in Cochiti Lake.

The Southern Pueblos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Albuquerque, N. Mex., supplied the records of storage in Acomita Reservoir.

The Laguna Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Laguna, N. Mex., supplied the records of storage in Seama Reservoir.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso, Texas, provided the following records:

- Storage in Elephant Butte Reservoir at Elephant Butte, N. Mex.
- Storage in Caballo Reservoir near Arrey, N. Mex.
- Rio Grande below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.
- Bonito ditch below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.

The Rio Grande Compact Commission gratefully acknowledges the cooperation received from these agencies.

RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT
ACCURACY OF RECORDS

The Rules and Regulations of the Commission state that the equipment, method, and frequency of measurement at each gaging station shall be sufficient to obtain records at least equal in accuracy to those classified as "good" by the U.S. Geological Survey. Within the physical limitations of stream gaging, the agencies obtaining the records at Compact gaging stations have complied with these regulations.

The accuracy of streamflow records depends primarily on (1) the stability of the stage-discharge relation or, if the control is unstable, the frequency of discharge measurements, and (2) the accuracy of observations of stage, measurements of discharge, and interpretation of records.

The station description states the degree of accuracy attributed to the records. "Excellent" means that about 95 percent of the daily discharges are within 5 percent of the true value; "good" within 10 percent; and "fair" within 15 percent. Records that do not meet the criteria mentioned are rated "poor." Different accuracies may be attributed to different parts of a given record. The probable error in a monthly or annual mean discharge depends more on the distribution of the daily errors between the limits than it does on the limits themselves. For this reason, monthly and annual records are more accurate than most daily records. The number of significant figures and rounding limits used are those as employed by the U.S. Geological Survey.

STREAMFLOW

Rio Grande near Del Norte, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 37°41'22", long 106°27'38", in NW1/4 sec. 29, T. 40 N., R. 5 E., on right bank, 20 ft downstream from county highway bridge, 6 miles west of Del Norte, and 18 miles upstream from Pinos Creek. Datum of gage is 7,980.25 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to May 16, 1908, staff gage at site 4 miles downstream. Records are equivalent.

Drainage area.--1,320 sq mi, approximately.

Average discharge.--102 years (1890-1991), 905 ft³/s (655,700 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1889-1991: Maximum discharge, 18,000 ft³/s Oct. 5, 1911 (gage height, 6.80 ft), from rating curve extended above 12,900 ft³/s; minimum daily, 69 ft³/s Aug. 21, 1902.

Remarks.--Records good except those for winter months, which are fair. Flow regulated by four reservoirs, total capacity 126,100 acre-ft, and by several smaller ones. Six transmountain diversions import water into basin above station.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	5,410	200	150	175	10,730
February	5,500	220	170	196	10,910
March	6,899	260	192	223	13,680
April	25,846	1,490	273	862	51,270
May	90,666	4,540	741	2,925	179,800
June	84,120	4,340	1,860	2,804	166,900
July	31,384	1,910	580	1,012	62,250
August	16,078	722	335	519	31,890
September	18,892	1,080	315	630	37,470
October	9,117	410	248	294	18,080
November	7,008	305	146	234	13,900
December	5,336	200	150	172	10,580
Calendar year 1991	306,256	4,540	146	839	607,500

Conejos River below Platoro Reservoir, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder and concrete control, lat 37°21'18", long 106°32'37", in NW1/4NW1/4 sec. 22, T. 36 N., R. 4 E., on left bank 1,100 ft downstream from valve house for Platoro Reservoir, and 0.7 mile northwest of Platoro. Datum of gage is 9,866.60 ft above mean sea level (levels by Bureau of Reclamation).

Drainage area.--40 sq mi, approximately.

Average discharge.--39 years (1953-91), 93.0 ft³/s (67,380 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1952-91: Maximum discharge, 1,160 ft³/s Nov. 1, 1957; maximum gage height, 4.29 ft June 15, 1958; no flow Oct. 16-20, 1955.

Remarks.--Records good except those for winter months, which are fair. No diversions above station. Flow completely regulated by Platoro Reservoir (capacity, 59,570 acre-ft).

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	99.2	3.2	3.2	3.20	197
February	89.6	3.2	3.2	3.20	178
March	99.2	3.2	3.2	3.20	197
April	993.6	108	3.2	33.1	1,970
May	6,620	629	40	214	13,130
June	6,155	576	41	205	12,210
July	7,822	398	140	252	15,510
August	4,959	295	64	160	9,840
September	4,076	204	68	136	8,080
October	827.2	55	3.8	26.7	1,640
November	114.3	4.1	3.8	3.81	227
December	117.8	3.8	3.8	3.80	234
Calendar year 1991	31,972.9	629	3.2	87.6	63,420

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Conejos River near Mogote, Colo.

Location.—Water-stage recorder, lat 37°03'14", long 106°11'13", in SE1/4SE1/4 sec. 34, T. 33 N., R. 7 E., on right bank 25 ft upstream from bridge on State Highway 174, 0.4 mile downstream from Fox Creek, and 5.3 miles west of Mogote. Datum of gage is 8,271.54 ft above mean sea level.

Drainage area.—282 sq mi.

Average discharge.—81 years (1904, 1912-91), 330 ft³/s (239,100 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.—1903-05, 1911-91: Maximum discharge, 9,000 ft³/s Oct. 5, 1911 (gage height, 8.50 ft), from rating curve extended above 3,100 ft³/s; minimum daily determined, 10 ft³/s July 18, 1904.

Remarks.—Records good except those for winter months, which are fair. Diversions above station for irrigation of about 500 acres. Since 1951 flow partly regulated by Platoro Reservoir.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	1,440	60	39	46.5	2,860
February	1,446	59	43	51.6	2,870
March	1,999	83	53	64.5	3,970
April	11,431	702	77	381	22,670
May	36,271	1,840	362	1,170	71,940
June	28,224	1,540	650	941	55,980
July	14,485	729	278	467	28,730
August	10,602	642	191	342	21,030
September	7,701	411	180	257	15,270
October	2,839	185	48	91.6	5,630
November	2,088	90	41	69.6	4,140
December	1,716	64	48	55.4	3,400
Calendar year 1991	120,242	1,840	39	329	238,500

San Antonio River at Ortiz, Colo.

Location.—Water-stage recorder, lat 36°59'35", long 106°02'17", in New Mexico in NE1/4SE1/4, sec. 24, T. 32 N., R. 8 E., on left bank 800 ft south of New Mexico-Colorado State line, 0.4 mile southeast of Ortiz, and 0.4 mile upstream from Los Pinos River. Altitude of gage is 7,970 ft.

Drainage area.—110 sq mi.

Average discharge.—51 years (1941-91), 25.7 ft³/s (18,620 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.—1920, 1925-91: Maximum discharge, 1,750 ft³/s Apr. 15, 1937 (gage height, 5.38 ft), from rating curve extended above 1,100 ft³/s; no flow at times.

Remarks.—Records good except those for winter months, which are fair. A few small diversions above station for irrigation.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	76.0	3.5	1.5	2.45	151
February	68.0	3.5	1.5	2.43	135
March	488.5	48	2.5	15.8	969
April	5,950	460	70	198	11,800
May	4,009	284	39	129	7,950
June	397.07	35	.97	13.2	788
July	54.05	10	.00	1.74	107
August	142.26	23	.86	4.59	282
September	59.22	5.8	.43	1.97	117
October	62.1	3.1	1.6	2.00	123
November	182.5	12	2.5	6.08	362
December	108.0	4.0	3.0	3.48	214
Calendar year 1991	11,596.70	460	.00	31.8	23,000

STREAMFLOW

Los Pinos River near Ortiz, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 36°58'56", long 106°04'23", in New Mexico on line between secs. 26 and 27, T. 32 N., R. 8 E., on left bank 0.9 mile south of New Mexico-Colorado State line, 2.1 miles southwest of Ortiz, and 2.9 miles upstream from mouth. Altitude of gage is 8,040 ft.

Drainage area.--167 sq mi.

Average discharge.--73 years (1915-20, 1925-91), 120 ft³/s (86,940 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1915-20, 1925-91: Maximum discharge, 3,160 ft³/s May 12, 1941 (gage height, 5.77 ft, site and datum then in use), from rating curve extended above 1,600 ft³/s; minimum observed, 4.0 ft³/s Dec. 17, 1945.

Remarks.--Records good except those for winter months, which are fair. Diversions above station for irrigation.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	705	30	12	22.7	1,400
February	435	18	12	15.5	863
March	823	35	22	26.5	1,630
April	9,697	674	41	323	19,230
May	21,908	1,170	234	707	43,450
June	8,679	463	122	289	17,210
July	2,179	133	33	70.3	4,320
August	1,670	110	27	53.9	3,310
September	1,122	82	22	37.4	2,230
October	556	27	14	17.9	1,100
November	654	35	16	21.8	1,300
December	647	25	17	20.9	1,280
Calendar year 1991	49,075	1,170	12	134	97,340

Conejos River near Lasauses, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorders, lat 37°18'01", long 105°44'47", in secs. 2 and 11 (two channels), T. 35 N., R. 11 E., on left bank of main channel 125 feet downstream from bridge on State Highway 158 and on left bank of secondary channel 230 ft upstream from bridge, 1.0 mile upstream from mouth, and 2.1 miles north of Lasauses. Datum of gage on main channel is 7,495.02 ft and on secondary (south) channel is 7,496.89 ft above mean sea level (levels by Bureau of Reclamation).

Drainage area.--887 sq mi.

Average discharge.--70 years (1922-91), 186 ft³/s (134,800 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1921-91: Maximum discharge, 3,890 ft³/s May 15, 1941; no flow at times in some years.

Remarks.--Records good except those for winter months, which are fair. Diversions for irrigation of about 75,000 acres above station.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	1,866	70	39	60.2	3,700
February	2,210	102	58	78.9	4,380
March	3,565	141	103	115	7,070
April	15,502	896	127	517	30,750
May	22,691	1,540	256	732	45,010
June	8,528	578	47	284	16,920
July	5,007	334	68	162	9,930
August	4,152	372	47	134	8,240
September	3,174	276	29	106	6,300
October	780	59	14	25.2	1,550
November	2,151	102	27	71.7	4,270
December	1,760	70	49	56.8	3,490
Calendar year 1991	71,386	1,540	14	196	141,600

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Rio Grande near Lobatos, Colo.

Location.—Water-stage recorder, lat 37°04'42", long 105°45'22", in sec. 22, T. 33 N., R. 11 E., on right bank at highway bridge, 6 miles north of Colorado-New Mexico State line, 10 miles east of Lobatos, and 14 miles east of Antonito. Datum of gage is 7,427.63 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929.

Drainage area.—7,700 sq mi, approximately (includes 2,940 sq mi in closed basin in San Luis Valley).

Average discharge.—31 years (1900-30), 846 ft³/s (612,900 acre-ft per year); 61 years (1931-91) 448 ft³/s (324,600 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.—1899-1991: Maximum discharge observed, 13,200 ft³/s June 8, 1905 (gage height, 9.1 ft), from rating curve extended above 8,000 ft³/s; no flow at times in 1950-51, 1956.

Remarks.—Records good except those for winter months, which are fair. Natural flow of stream affected by transmountain diversions, storage reservoirs, ground-water withdrawals and diversions for irrigation, and return flow from irrigated areas.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	8,900	310	250	287	17,650
February	8,985	400	270	321	17,820
March	14,216	537	390	459	28,200
April	27,989	1,660	463	933	55,520
May	31,986	2,010	427	1,032	63,440
June	22,519	1,330	345	751	44,670
July	10,114	649	162	326	20,060
August	7,139	541	94	230	14,160
September	6,236	519	53	208	12,370
October	2,336	114	55	75.4	4,630
November	8,315	371	92	277	16,490
December	8,505	310	210	274	16,870
Calendar year 1991	157,240	2,010	53	431	311,900

Willow Creek above Heron Reservoir, near Los Ojos, N. Mex.

Location.—Water-stage recorder, lat 36°44'33", long 106°37'34", in Tierra Amarilla Grant, on right bank 200 ft downstream from bridge, 0.2 mile downstream from Iron Spring Creek, 3.3 miles west of Los Ojos, and at mile 9.7. Datum of gage is 7,196.29 ft above mean sea level. Prior to Apr. 1, 1971, at site 900 ft downstream.

Drainage area.—112 sq mi.

Average discharge.—7 years (1963-69), 11.5 ft³/s (8,330 acre-ft per year) prior to completion of Azotea tunnel; 22 years (1970-91), 137 ft³/s (99,260 acre-ft per year) subsequent to completion of Azotea tunnel.

Extremes.—1962-91: Maximum discharge, 1,610 ft³/s Mar. 12, 1985 (gage height, 6.65 ft); no flow at times prior to 1971.

Remarks.—Records good except those for winter months, which are fair. Subsequent to Nov. 16, 1970, flow affected by transmountain diversions through Azotea tunnel. Flow in Rutherford Drain included prior to Apr. 1, 1971.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	18.0	1.0	.50	.58	36
February	96.1	8.1	1.0	3.43	191
March	2,190.9	144	7.6	70.7	4,350
April	16,000	926	150	533	31,740
May	21,111	931	199	681	41,870
June	17,822	992	326	594	35,350
July	3,202	263	17	103	6,350
August	657.0	83	2.0	21.2	1,300
September	836.20	324	.00	27.9	1,660
October	36.00	5.0	.50	1.16	71
November	40.00	2.0	.50	1.33	79
December	16.50	1.0	.00	.53	33
Calendar year 1990	62,025.70	992	.00	170	123,000

STREAMFLOW

Horse Lake Creek above Heron Reservoir, near Los Ojos, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 36°42'24", long 106°44'42", in Tierra Amarilla Grant, on right bank 3.7 miles northwest of Heron Dam, 7.8 miles downstream from Horse Lake, and 9.9 miles west of Los Ojos. Datum of gage is 7,188.85 ft above mean sea level. Prior to July 1, 1971, at site 1,100 ft upstream.

Drainage area.--45 sq mi, approximately.

Average discharge.--12 years (1963-73, 86), 1.17 ft³/s (848 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1963-91: Maximum discharge, 3,960 ft³/s July 30, 1968 (gage height, 4.9 ft); no flow most of time.

Remarks.--Records good. Diversions above station for irrigation of meadows and for off-channel stock tanks.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	--	--	--	--	--
February	--	--	--	--	--
March	18.00	18	.00	.58	36
April	137.12	16	.28	4.57	272
May	4.76	.57	.01	.15	9.4
June	2.12	1.9	.00	.071	4.2
July	0.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
August	0.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
September	0.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
October	0.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
November	--	--	--	--	--
December	--	--	--	--	--
Calendar year 1991	--	--	--	--	--

Willow Creek below Heron Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Totalizing flowmeters, lat 36°39'56", long 106°42'12", in Tierra Amarilla Grant, in outlet conduits at Heron Dam, 0.2 mile upstream from Rio Chama, 5.1 miles northeast of El Vado Dam, and 8.7 miles southwest of Los Ojos.

Drainage area.--193 sq mi.

Average discharge.--21 years (1971-91) 111 ft³/s (80,420 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1971-91: Maximum daily discharge, 2,780 ft³/s Dec. 18, 19, 1982; no flow at times each year.

Remarks.--Records excellent. Flow completely regulated by Heron Dam.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	2,301	165	20	74.2	4,560
February	4,564	164	162	163	9,050
March	15,264	754	162	492	30,280
April	29,490.00	1,640	.00	983	58,490
May	152.00	52	.00	4.90	301
June	0.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
July	498.30	53	.00	16.1	988
August	701.90	244	.00	22.6	1,390
September	0.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
October	0.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
November	659.00	71	.00	22.0	1,310
December	1,493.00	137	.00	48.2	2,960
Calendar year 1991	55,120.20	1,640	.00	151	109,300

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Rio Chama below El Vado Dam, N. Mex.

Location.—Water-stage recorder, lat 36°34'48", long 106°43'24", in Tierra Amarilla Grant, on left bank 1.5 miles downstream from El Vado Dam, 2.8 miles upstream from Rio Nutrias, and 13 miles southwest of Tierra Amarilla. Datum of gage is 6,696.12 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to October 1935, at site 1.5 miles upstream and October 1935 to September 1938, at site 1.1 miles upstream at different datums.

Drainage area.—877 sq mi of which about 100 sq mi is probably noncontributing.

Average discharge.—4 years (1914, 1921-23), 444 ft³/s (321,700 acre-ft per year) prior to completion of El Vado Dam; 35 years (1936-70), 372 ft³/s (269,500 acre-ft per year), prior to release of transmountain water; 21 years (1971-91) 465 ft³/s (336,900 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.—1914-16, 1920-24, 1936-91: Maximum discharge observed, 9,000 ft³/s May 22, 1920 (gage height, 12 ft); no flow Mar. 25, 26, 31, 1955.

Remarks.—Records good. Diversions above station for irrigation of about 10,600 acres. Since 1935 flow regulated by El Vado Reservoir and since October 1970 flow partly regulated by Heron Reservoir. Subsequent to May 1971 flow affected by releases of transmountain water from Heron Reservoir.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	6,674	232	198	215	13,240
February	6,303	233	219	225	12,500
March	9,253	480	219	298	18,350
April	41,772	2,620	423	1,392	82,850
May	67,554	3,800	888	2,179	134,000
June	24,574	1,180	256	819	48,740
July	7,622	955	61	246	15,120
August	8,558	1,020	81	276	16,970
September	5,476	930	32	183	10,860
October	5,841	1,640	48	188	11,590
November	5,074	236	121	169	10,060
December	7,992	328	222	258	15,850
Calendar year 1991	196,693	3,800	32	539	390,100

Rio Chama below Abiquiu Dam, N. Mex.

Location.—Water-stage recorder, lat 36°14'12", long 106°24'59", in SE1/4SE1/4 sec. 8, T. 23 N., R. 5 E., on right bank 0.8 mile downstream from Abiquiu Dam and 5.9 miles northwest of Abiquiu. Altitude of gage is 6,040 ft (from river-profile map and topographic map).

Drainage area.—2,147 sq mi of which about 100 sq mi is probably noncontributing.

Average discharge.—9 years (1962-70), 376 ft³/s (272,400 acre-ft per year), prior to release of transmountain water; 21 years (1971-91), 516 ft³/s (373,800 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.—1961-91: Maximum discharge, 2,990 ft³/s July 1, 1965 (gage height, 6.69 ft); minimum, about 0.5 ft³/s Mar. 17, 1966, Jan. 28, 1972.

Remarks.—Records good. Flow regulated by Heron, El Vado, and Abiquiu Reservoirs. Diversions above station for irrigation of about 17,600 acres. Subsequent to May 1971 flow affected by the release of transmountain water from Heron Reservoir.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	3,443	277	76	111	6,830
February	4,916	595	70	176	9,750
March	12,674	718	55	409	25,140
April	27,273	1,410	526	909	54,100
May	54,770	1,970	1,430	1,767	108,600
June	48,570	1,680	1,460	1,619	96,340
July	15,499	1,740	116	500	30,740
August	10,119	706	113	326	20,070
September	10,979	723	101	366	21,780
October	8,417	535	75	272	16,700
November	14,453	555	255	482	28,670
December	12,965	571	173	418	25,720
Calendar year 1991	224,078	1,970	55	614	444,500

Rio Nambe below Nambe Falls Dam, near Nambe, N. Mex.

Location.--Totalizing flowmeters, lat 35°50'46", long 105°54'17", in NE1/4SW1/4 sec. 29, T.19 N., R.10 E., in Nambe Indian Reservation, in outlet conduits at Nambe Falls Dam, 300 feet upstream from Nambe Falls, 2.6 miles upstream from confluence of Rio Nambe and Rio En Medio, 4.4 miles southeast of Nambe Pueblo, and 5.4 miles southeast of Nambe.

Drainage area.--34.1 sq mi.

Average discharge.--13 years (1979-91), 15.9 ft³/s (11,520 acre-feet per year).

Extremes.--1979-91: Maximum discharge, 312 ft³/s June 9, 1979 (gage height, 1.96 feet), at site 1,100 feet downstream; minimum daily discharge, 0.13 ft³/s May 3, 1981.

Remarks.--Records good. Flow completely regulated by Nambe Falls Reservoir.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	113.0	11	1.1	3.65	224
February	102.14	4.1	.58	3.65	203
March	150.72	20	.58	4.86	299
April	468.5	21	4.1	15.6	929
May	1153	72	23	37.2	2,290
June	1270	60	19	42.3	2,520
July	638.5	47	2.0	20.6	1,270
August	1,004	60	15	32.4	1,990
September	660	34	14	22.0	1,310
October	307.9	15	7.0	9.93	611
November	243.5	9.5	7.1	8.12	483
December	172.3	8.1	3.1	5.56	342
Calendar year 1991	6,283.56	72	.58	17.2	12,460

Rio Grande at Otowi Bridge, near San Ildefonso, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°52'29", long 106°08'30", in San Ildefonso Pueblo Grant, 400 ft downstream from bridge on State Highway 4, 1.8 miles southwest of San Ildefonso Pueblo, 2.5 miles downstream from Pojoaque River, and 6.8 miles west of Pojoaque. Datum of gage is 5,488.48 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to May 19, 1904, and July 25 to Oct. 1, 1904, staff gage at site 180 ft upstream at datum 2.02 ft lower.

Drainage area.--14,300 sq mi, approximately (includes 2,940 sq mi in closed basin in San Luis Valley, Colo.).

Average discharge.--92 years (1896-1905, 1910-91), 1,530 ft³/s (1,108,000 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1895-1905, 1910-91: Maximum discharge, 24,400 ft³/s May 23, 1920 (gage height, 14.1 ft); minimum daily, 60 ft³/s July 4, 5, 1902.

Remarks.--Records good. Flow partly regulated by Heron, El Vado, and Abiquiu Reservoirs. Diversions above station for irrigation of about 620,000 acres in Colorado and 75,000 acres in New Mexico. Subsequent to May 1971 flow affected by releases of transmountain water from Heron Reservoir.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	26,279	1,060	669	848	52,120
February	29,774	1,710	799	1,063	59,060
March	47,230	1,970	1,000	1,524	93,680
April	91,640	4,360	1,620	3,055	181,800
May	141,410	8,400	2,550	4,562	280,500
June	103,810	4,490	2,280	3,460	205,900
July	43,090	2,730	724	1,390	85,470
August	47,206	3,430	704	1,523	93,630
September	33,446	1,740	762	1,115	66,340
October	21,452	1,040	479	692	42,550
November	36,442	1,760	483	1,215	72,280
December	34,991	1,370	791	1,129	69,400
Calendar year 1991	656,770	8,400	479	1,799	1,302,700

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Santa Fe River near Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder and concrete control, lat 35°41'12", long 105°50'35", in NE1/4SE1/4 sec. 23, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., 0.4 mile downstream from McClure Dam, and 5.3 miles east of Santa Fe. Altitude of gage is 7,718 ft. Prior to Nov. 4, 1930, at site 1.5 miles downstream, and Apr. 11, 1931 to Sept. 30, 1947, at site 0.3 mile upstream, each at different datum.

Drainage area.--18.2 sq mi.

Average discharge.--79 years (1913-91), 8.07 ft³/s (5,850 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1913-91: Maximum discharge, 1,500 ft³/s Aug. 14, 1921; minimum, 0.05 ft³/s Apr. 7, 8, 1981.

Remarks.--Records good. Flow regulated by McClure Reservoir, completed in 1926, raised in 1935 and again in 1947.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	159.0	5.2	4.9	5.13	315
February	138.2	5.2	4.9	4.94	274
March	158.7	5.2	4.8	5.12	315
April	172.5	6.2	4.9	5.75	342
May	440.6	56	6.2	14.2	874
June	499.2	45	5.8	16.6	990
July	547.2	70	4.6	17.7	1,090
August	1,034.2	75	6.2	33.4	2,050
September	577.4	62	6.2	19.2	1,150
October	109.3	6.2	3.0	3.53	217
November	92.5	3.4	2.9	3.08	183
December	90.1	3.1	2.8	2.91	179
Calendar year 1991	4,018.9	75	2.8	11.0	7,970

Rio Grande below Cochiti Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°37'05", long 106°19'24", in SW1/4NE1/4 sec. 17, T. 16 N., R. 6 E., in Pueblo de Cochiti Grant, 320 feet upstream from bridge on State Highway 22, 700 feet downstream from Cochiti Dam, and 1.4 miles northeast of Cochiti Pueblo. Datum of gage is 5,226.08 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to Nov. 14, 1973, at site 2.4 mi downstream at altitude 5,210 ft. Nov. 14, 1973 to Jan. 8, 1976, at site 320 ft downstream at datum 1.79 ft lower.

Drainage area.--14,900 sq mi, approximately (includes 2,940 sq mi in closed basin in San Luis Valley, Colo.).

Average discharge.--21 years (1971-91) 1,387 ft³/s (1,005,000 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1971-91: Maximum discharge, 10,300 ft³/s July 26, 1971, at site 2.4 miles downstream prior to closure of Cochiti Dam; minimum discharge, 0.51 ft³/s Aug. 3-5, 1977, Aug. 27-28, 1978.

Remarks.--Records good. Since Nov. 12, 1973, flow completely regulated by Cochiti Dam. Cochiti eastside main canal on left bank and Sill main canal on right bank by pass station.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	23,443	1,160	287	756	46,500
February	26,324	1,180	783	940	52,210
March	37,286	1,540	722	1,203	73,960
April	75,120	3,480	1,420	2,504	149,000
May	104,650	4,080	2,910	3,376	207,600
June	131,490	5,120	3,600	4,383	260,800
July	38,782	3,320	519	1,251	76,920
August	39,249	2,960	600	1,266	77,850
September	29,162	1,370	599	972	57,840
October	16,672	713	335	538	33,070
November	34,779	1,500	494	1,159	68,980
December	34,901	1,380	701	1,126	69,230
Calendar year 1991	591,858	5,120	287	1,622	1,174,000

STREAMFLOW

Galisteo Creek below Galisteo Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°27'56", long 106°12'57", in SE1/4SE1/4 sec. 5, T. 14 N., R. 7 E., 0.6 mile downstream from Galisteo Dam, and 5.5 miles northwest of Cerrillos. Altitude of gage is 5,450 ft.

Drainage area.--597 sq mi.

Average discharge.--21 years (1971-91), 6.25 ft³/s (4,530 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1970-91: Maximum discharge, 2,000 ft³/s July 27, 1971 (gage height, 7.00 ft); maximum gage height, 7.33 ft July 20, 1971; no flow many days each year.

Remarks.--Records poor. Flow partly regulated by uncontrolled outlet in Galisteo Dam. Capacity of outlet, 5,000 ft³/s when reservoir is full. Diversions for irrigation of about 50 acres above reservoir.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	28.00	1.5	.00	.90	56
February	19.13	.80	.50	.68	38
March	22.90	1.9	.41	.74	45
April	1.30	.63	.00	.043	2.6
May	11.45	8.7	.00	.37	23
June	148.31	94	.00	4.94	294
July	1,029.61	330	.00	33.2	2,040
August	1,727.66	513	.23	55.7	3,430
September	397.14	226	.18	13.2	788
October	11.01	2.1	.00	.36	22
November	19.92	1.3	.00	.66	40
December	19.65	.90	.40	.63	39
Calendar year 1991	3,436.08	513	.00	9.41	6,820

Jemez River below Jemez Canyon Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°23'24", long 106°32'03", in NE1/4 sec. 5, T. 13 N., R. 4 E., 0.8 mile downstream from Jemez Canyon Dam, 2.0 miles upstream from mouth, and 6 miles north of Bernalillo. Datum of gage is 5,095.60 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to April 24, 1951, at site three-quarters of a mile upstream at datum 24.51 ft higher. April 24, 1951 to June 25, 1958, at site 37 ft upstream at datum 4.40 ft higher.

Drainage area.--1,038 sq mi.

Average discharge.--49 years (1937, 1944-91), 61.9 ft³/s (44,850 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1937, 1944-91: Maximum discharge, 16,300 ft³/s Aug. 29, 1943 (gage height, 5.62 ft); no flow at times.

Remarks.--Records good. Flow regulated by Jemez Canyon Dam since October 1953. Diversions for irrigation of about 3,000 acres above station.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	922.8	135	2.1	29.8	1,830
February	808	43	20	28.9	1,600
March	1,925	88	48	62.1	3,820
April	5,191.8	306	2.1	173	10,300
May	78.27	4.2	.28	2.52	155
June	9.75	.38	.28	.32	19
July	2,876.32	624	.22	92.8	5,710
August	7,649.16	1,320	.28	247	15,170
September	3,881.27	870	.78	129	7,700
October	467.5	53	1.1	15.1	927
November	2,043	292	16	68.1	4,050
December	2,088	160	24	67.4	4,140
Calendar year 1991	27,940.87	1,320	.22	76.6	55,420

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Rio Grande below Elephant Butte Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 33°08'54", long 107°12'22", in SW1/4 sec. 25, T. 13 S., R. 4 W., (projected) in Pedro Armendariz Grant, 1.0 mile downstream from dam and 1.5 miles upstream from Cuchillo Negro River. Datum of gage is 4,242.09 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to April 23, 1942, at several different sites and datums.

Drainage area.--29,450 sq mi, approximately (includes 2,940 sq mi in closed basin in San Luis Valley, Colo.).

Average discharge.--77 years (1915-91), 995 ft³/s (720,900 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1915-91: Maximum daily discharge, 8,220 ft³/s May 22, 1942; no flow at times prior to 1929 and March 2-4, 1979.

Remarks.--Records good. Flow regulated by Elephant Butte Reservoir. Diversions for irrigation of about 800,000 acres above station.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	365.3	14	9.2	11.8	725
February	12,537.8	1,300	8.6	448	24,870
March	41,331	1,510	665	1,333	81,980
April	41,768	1,560	948	1,392	82,850
May	47,020	2,040	919	1,517	93,260
June	57,710	2,130	1,400	1,924	114,500
July	44,988	2,000	683	1,451	89,230
August	19,589	1,490	23	632	38,850
September	22,691	1,570	13	756	45,010
October	13,361.0	1,280	6.0	431	26,500
November	210.4	7.2	6.8	7.01	417
December	228.2	7.7	6.5	7.36	453
Calendar year 1991	301,799.7	2,130	6.0	827	598,600

Rio Grande below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 32°53'05", long 107°17'31", in NE1/4SW1/4 sec. 30, T. 16 S., R. 4 W., 2,000 ft upstream from Interstate

Highway 25, 4,200 ft downstream from Caballo Dam, 1.3 miles upstream from Percha diversion dam, and 3 miles northeast of Arrey.

Datum of gage is 4,140.90 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. October 13, 1938 to December 31, 1945, at datum 5.0 ft higher.

Drainage area.--30,700 sq mi, approximately (includes 2,940 sq mi in closed basin in San Luis Valley, Colo.).

Average discharge.--54 years (1938-91) 905 ft³/s (655,700 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1938-91: Maximum daily discharge, 7,650 ft³/s May 20, 1942; minimum daily, 0.1 ft³/s Oct. 31 to Nov. 14, 1954, Nov. 7 to Dec. 31, 1955, Feb. 15-29, 1972.

Remarks.--Records good. Flow regulated by Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs. Diversions for irrigation of about 800,000 acres above station.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	35.0	2.0	1.0	1.13	69
February	6,616.0	848	2.0	236	13,120
March	53,237	2,190	777	1,717	105,600
April	36,059	1,440	929	1,202	71,520
May	44,400	1,890	1,010	1,432	88,070
June	57,740	2,250	1,620	1,925	114,500
July	47,530	2,140	1,300	1,533	94,280
August	33,692	2,000	100	1,087	66,830
September	25,043	1,900	25	835	49,670
October	11,135.0	926	3.0	359	22,090
November	73.0	3.0	2.0	2.43	145
December	52.0	2.0	1.0	1.68	103
Calendar year 1991	315,612.0	2,250	1.0	865	626,000

STREAMFLOW

Bonito ditch below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.

Records available.—January 1938 to December 1991. Published as supplementary data with Rio Grande below Caballo Dam in U.S.G.S. Water-Supply Papers and Water-Data Reports beginning with October 1947.

Remarks.—Ditch diverts directly from Caballo Reservoir for irrigation of lands on right bank of river. The total release from Project Storage, as used in computations of Compact Commission, is the combined flow of this ditch and Rio Grande below Caballo Dam.

Diversion, in acre-feet

January	0
February	0
March	1
April	1
May	84
June	54
July	70
August	82
September	22
October	7
November	0
December	0
Calendar year 1991	321

STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS

Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in New Mexico
(Constructed or enlarged since 1929)

Heron Reservoir.—Water-stage recorder, lat 36°39'56", long 106°42'13", on Willow Creek. Storage began in October 1970. Capacity, 401,300 acre-ft at elevation 7,186.1 ft (low point on crest of spillway); dead storage, 1,340 acre-ft at elevation 7,003.0 ft. Used for storage of transmountain water.

Month-end elevation, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in Contents
December 31, 1990	7,182.50	380,390	-
January 31, 1991	7,181.74	376,060	-4,330
February 28	7,180.28	367,800	-8,260
March 31	7,176.21	345,350	-22,450
April 30	7,171.55	320,650	-24,700
May 31	7,179.33	362,490	+41,840
June 30	7,185.46	397,560	+35,070
July 31	7,186.05	401,040	+3,480
August 31	7,185.84	399,800	-1,240
September 30	7,185.87	399,980	+180
October 31	7,185.59	398,330	-1,650
November 30	7,185.38	397,100	-1,230
December 31	7,184.91	394,340	-2,760
Calendar year 1991	-	-	+13,950

El Vado Reservoir.—Water-stage recorder and surface follower, lat 36°35'39", long 106°44'00", on Rio Chama. Storage began in January 1935. Capacity, 186,250 acre-ft at gage height 6,902.0 feet (crest of spillway); dead storage, 480 acre-ft, below gage height 6,775.0 ft (invert of outlet works), as determined by survey in 1984. Datum of gage is 8.21 feet above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Storage includes both Rio Grande and transmountain water.

Month-end gage height, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents	TM Water
December 31, 1990	6,872.08	104,500	-	85,690
January 31, 1991	6,870.07	100,170	-4,330	80,720
February 28	6,870.70	101,510	+1,340	81,530
March 31	6,880.60	124,520	+23,010	104,650
April 30	6,897.50	172,010	+47,490	152,220
May 31	6,897.33	171,490	-520	151,270
June 30	6,894.27	162,160	-9,330	143,440
July 31	6,891.74	154,680	-7,480	136,010
August 31	6,888.88	146,490	-8,190	127,840
September 30	6,886.71	140,480	-6,010	121,980
October 31	6,882.85	130,250	-10,230	111,780
November 30	6,881.33	126,360	-3,890	107,140
December 31	6,877.65	117,270	-9,090	98,170
Calendar year 1991	-	-	+12,770	-

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Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in New Mexico
(Constructed or enlarged since 1929)

Abiquiu Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder, lat 36°14'24", long 106°25'44", on Rio Chama. Completed in February 1963; capacity, 1,201,200 acre-ft at elevation 6,350 feet (crest of spillway) by 1984 survey. Reservoir is operated by Corps of Engineers for flood control and sediment storage. A resolution granting permission to store transmountain waters was approved by Rio Grande Compact Commission on May 3, 1974. Storage includes both Rio Grande and transmountain water.

Month-end elevation, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents	TM water
December 31, 1990	6,211.65	156,500*	-	155,100
January 31, 1991	6,213.62	164,000	+7,500	163,660
February 28	6,215.25	170,300	+6,300	170,800
March 31	6,215.38	170,800	+500	171,220
April 30	6,226.08	214,850	+44,050	170,660
May 31	6,234.86	254,910	+40,060	169,890
June 30	6,225.30	211,490	-43,420	173,980
July 31	6,221.42	195,170	-16,320	156,970
August 31	6,221.54	195,670	+500	158,660
September 30	6,219.02	185,310	-10,360	148,750
October 31	6,217.35	178,580	-6,730	142,520
November 30	6,213.54	163,690	-14,890	148,170
December 31	6,211.50	155,940	-7,750	154,950
Calendar year 1991	-	-	-560	-

*Revised contents based on new capacity table effective Jan. 1, 1991.

Nambe Falls Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in NE1/4SW1/4 sec. 29, T. 19 N., R. 10 E., in Nambe Indian Reservation, on Rio Nambe. Completed in 1976; capacity 2,023 acre-ft at elevation 6,826.6 feet (crest of spillway), dead storage 121 acre-ft at elevation 6,760.9 feet. Storage is transmountain water by exchange (see resolution adopted March 27, 1975).

Month-end elevation, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1990	6,823.58	1,850	-
January 31, 1991	6,824.40	1,900	+50
February 28	6,825.00	1,930	+30
March 31	6,825.93	1,980	+50
April 30	6,825.56	1,960	-20
May 31	6,826.76	2,030	+70
June 30	6,826.65	2,030	0
July 31	6,826.63	2,020	-10
August 31	6,826.68	2,030	+10
September 30	6,826.66	2,030	0
October 31	6,825.63	1,970	-60
November 30	6,824.62	1,910	-60
December 31	6,824.76	1,920	+10
Calendar year 1991	-	-	+70

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Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in New Mexico
(Constructed or enlarged since 1929)

McClure (Granite Point) Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in NE1/4SW1/4 sec. 24, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., on Santa Fe River. Original reservoir completed in 1926, capacity, 561 acre-ft; in 1935, permanent flash boards were installed in spillway increasing capacity to 650 acre-ft; in 1947 both dam and spillway were reconstructed increasing capacity to 2,615 acre-ft (gage height, 96.6 ft, crest of spillway). In 1953 spillway was equipped with radial gates that opened automatically, increasing capacity to over 3,000 acre-ft. In 1972, radial gates were removed decreasing capacity to 2,615 acre-ft. In 1989, modifications to the dam and spillway increased capacity to 2,813 acre-ft. No dead storage. Altitude of gage is 7,790 ft. Water is for municipal use in Santa Fe. Storage includes both Rio Grande water and transmountain water by exchange. Only the storage of Rio Grande water in excess of 561 acre-feet is subject to terms of Rio Grande Compact.

Month-end gage height, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents	Pre-compact water	TM water
December 31, 1990	80.95*	1,610	-	561	469
January 31, 1991	77.03	1,390	-220	355	1,035
February 28	73.28	1,230	-160	195	1,035
March 31	73.65	1,230	0	205	1,025
April 30	-	1,760	+530	561	1,199
May 31	-	2,850	+1,090	561	2,252
June 30	99.67	2,840	-10	561	2,252
July 31	99.71	2,840	0	561	2,252
August 31	99.52	2,830	-10	561	2,252
September 30	99.58	2,830	0	561	2,252
October 31	99.07	2,800	-30	548	2,252
November 30	99.28	2,810	+10	561	2,249
December 31	99.50	2,830	+20	561	2,252
Calendar year 1991	-	-	+1,220	-	-

*Revised

Nichols Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in SE1/4NE1/4 sec. 21, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., on Santa Fe River. Completed in 1942; capacity, 685 acre-ft at gage height 167.0 feet (crest of spillway), dead storage, 14 acre-ft at gage height 121.1 feet. Datum of gage is 7,313.2 feet above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Water is for municipal use in Santa Fe. Storage includes both Rio Grande water and transmountain water by exchange.

Month-end gage height, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents	TM water
December 31, 1990	152.66	330	-	120
January 31, 1991	151.80	314	-16	314
February 28	142.72	173	-141	173
March 31	153.68	350	+177	350
April 30	153.31	342	-8	342
May 31	167.22	692	+350	685
June 30	167.20	692	0	685
July 31	167.18	691	-1	685
August 31	166.98	685	-6	685
September 30	167.10	688	+3	685
October 31	164.70	617	-71	617
November 30	167.00	685	+68	685
December 31	167.10	688	+3	685
Calendar year 1991	-	-	+358	-

STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS

Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in New Mexico
(Constructed or enlarged since 1929)

Jemez Canyon Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in SW1/4SW1/4 sec. 32, T. 14 N., R. 4 E., on Jemez River. Completed in 1953; capacity, 172,800 acre-ft at elevation 5,252.3 ft. Maximum controlled capacity at elevation 5,232.0 ft (floor of spillway) is 102,700 acre-ft by 1983 survey. Reservoir is operated by Corps of Engineers for flood control and sediment storage. A sediment pool of about 2,000 acre-ft of transmountain water has been maintained since August 1979.

Month-end elevation, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents	TM Water
December 31, 1990	5,186.37	16,810	-	11,730
January 31, 1991	5,186.35	16,790	-20	11,690
February 28	5,186.26	16,700	-90	11,540
March 31	5,185.99	16,420	-280	11,260
April 30	5,192.68	24,070	+7,650	10,830
May 31	5,200.17	34,350	+10,280	10,530
June 30	5,201.11	35,750	+1,400	10,240
July 31	5,200.06	34,190	-1,560	20,980
August 31	5,194.83	26,830	-7,360	20,560
September 30	5,194.57	26,490	-340	20,160
October 31	5,194.15	25,940	-550	19,600
November 30	5,194.36	26,210	+270	19,550
December 31	5,194.30	26,140	-70	19,550
Calendar year 1991	-	-	+9,330	-

Acoma Reservoir.--Staff gage in SE1/4 sec. 29, T. 10 N., R. 7 W., on San Fidel Arroyo; water for reservoir is diverted from Rio San Jose. Completed in 1938; original capacity, 850 acre-ft; present capacity 650 acre-ft on basis of 1956 sediment survey. Water is used for irrigation on Acoma and Laguna Indian Reservations.

Month-end contents, in acre-feet

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Cal.yr.
Contents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Seama Reservoir.--In sec. 36, T. 10 N., R. 7 W., off channel from Rio San Jose. Completed in October 1980; capacity approximately 400 acre-ft. Water is used for irrigation on Laguna Indian Reservation.

No storage during 1991.

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(Project storage)

Elephant Butte Reservoir.—Water-stage recorder in NW1/4 sec. 30, T. 13 S., R. 3 W., on Rio Grande. Storage began Jan. 6, 1915; capacity, 2,065,000 acre-ft at gage height 4,407.0 ft (crest of spillway), by survey of 1988. Datum of gage is 43.3 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Water is used for power development and irrigation in New Mexico and Texas. Records furnished by Bureau of Reclamation. Delivery of transmountain water for minimum recreation pool was initiated in December 1975. Beginning Jan. 1, 1977 gage readings are midnight readings.

Month-end gage height, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents	TM water
December 31, 1990	4,384.97	1,369,600	-	5,180
January 31, 1991	4,386.69	1,416,200	+46,600	5,170
February 28	4,387.66	1,443,000	+26,800	5,160
March 31	4,386.62	1,414,300	-28,700	5,120
April 30	4,386.71	1,416,700	+2,400	5,070
May 31	4,388.36	1,462,500	+45,800	5,010
June 30	4,390.53	1,524,400	+61,900	4,940
July 31	4,390.47	1,522,600	-1,800	4,910
August 31	4,392.22	1,574,000	+51,400	4,880
September 30	4,392.20	1,573,400	-600	4,870
October 31	4,391.46	1,551,500	-21,900	4,840
November 30	4,393.69	1,618,200	+66,700	4,860
December 31	4,396.76	1,713,900	+95,700	6,030
Calendar year 1991	-	-	+344,300	-

Caballo Reservoir.—Water-stage recorder in SE1/4SW1/4 sec. 19, T. 16 S., R. 4 W., on Rio Grande. Storage began Feb. 8, 1938; capacity, 331,500 acre-ft (by 1981 resurvey), at gage height 4,182.0 ft (above which spillway gates open automatically). Datum of gage is 43.3 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. 100,000 acre-ft of storage reserved for flood control. Records furnished by Bureau of Reclamation. Beginning Jan. 1, 1977, gage readings are midnight readings.

Month-end gage height, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1990	4,145.34*	51,500	-
January 31, 1991	4,146.40	55,690	+4,190
February 28	4,148.92	66,660	+10,970
March 31	4,143.55	44,940	-21,720
April 30	4,145.67	52,770	+7,830
May 31	4,146.26	55,120	+2,350
June 30	4,144.96	50,050	-5,070
July 31	4,143.39	44,380	-5,670
August 31	4,143.03	19,100	-25,280
September 30	4,135.85	23,130	+4,030
October 31	4,138.07	28,580	+5,450
November 30	4,138.18	31,510	+2,930
December 31	4,141.52	38,260	+6,750
Calendar year 1991	-	-	-13,240

*Revised

STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS

Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in New Mexico
(Project storage)

Project Storage.—The combined usable storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs.

Month-end contents, in acre-feet

Date	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1990	1,397,000	-
January 31, 1991	1,443,000	+46,000
February 28	1,480,900	+37,900
March 31	1,430,800	-50,100
April 30	1,441,500	+10,700
May 31	1,490,000	+48,500
June 30	1,547,200	+57,200
July 31	1,540,100	-7,100
August 31	1,566,300	+26,200
September 30	1,569,800	+3,500
October 31	1,553,600	-16,200
November 30	1,623,300	+69,700
December 31	1,724,500	+101,200
Calendar year 1991	-	+327,500

NOTE.—Values of combined contents may not agree with sum of individual values because of rounding.

TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS

Pine River - Weminuche Pass ditch (Fuchs ditch).—Water-stage recorder and 3-ft Parshall flume in sec. 33, T. 40 N., R. 4 W., at Weminuche Pass in Colorado. Diversion is from North Fork Los Pinos River in San Juan River Basin into Weminuche Creek in Rio Grande Basin. Second enlargement was completed in 1936. Diversion for irrigation is from Rio Grande above the Del Norte gaging station.

Weminuche Pass ditch (Raber-Lohr ditch).—Water-stage recorder and 4-ft rectangular flume in sec. 33, T. 40 N., R. 4 W., at Weminuche Pass in Colorado. Diversion is from Rincon la Vaca Creek in San Juan River Basin into Weminuche Creek in Rio Grande Basin. Second enlargement was completed in 1936. Diversion for irrigation is from Rio Grande above the Del Norte gaging station.

Williams Creek - Squaw Pass ditch.—Water-stage recorder and 2-ft Parshall flume in sec. 21, T. 39 N., R. 3 W., at Squaw Pass in Colorado. Diversion is from Williams Creek in San Juan River Basin into Squaw Creek in Rio Grande Basin. Constructed in 1938. Diversion for irrigation is from Rio Grande below Del Norte gaging station.

Tabor ditch.—Water-stage recorder and 3-ft Parshall flume in sec. 35, T. 43 N., R. 3 W., at Spring Creek Pass in Colorado. Diversion is from Cebolla Creek in Gunnison River Basin into tributary of Clear Creek in Rio Grande Basin. Completed in 1910 or 1911. Diversion for irrigation is from Rio Grande below Del Norte gaging station.

Don La Font No. 1 & 2 ditches (Piedra Pass ditch).—Water-stage recorder and 2-ft Parshall flume in sec. 4, T. 38 N., R. 1 W., at Piedra Pass in Colorado. Diversion is from tributaries of Piedra River in San Juan River Basin to South River in Rio Grande Basin. Original ditch completed in 1938, first enlargement completed in 1940. Water is imported by Colorado Game and Fish Department, beginning in 1959, to offset losses from fish culture reservoirs.

Treasure Pass diversion ditch.—Water-stage recorder and 2-ft Parshall flume in sec. 31, T. 38 N., R. 2 E., at Wolf Creek Pass in Colorado. Diversion is from Wolf Creek in San Juan River Basin to a tributary of South Fork Rio Grande. Completed in 1923 or 1924. Water is diverted for irrigation from Rio Grande above the Del Norte gaging station, beginning in 1959. Prior to 1959 it was diverted below gaging station.

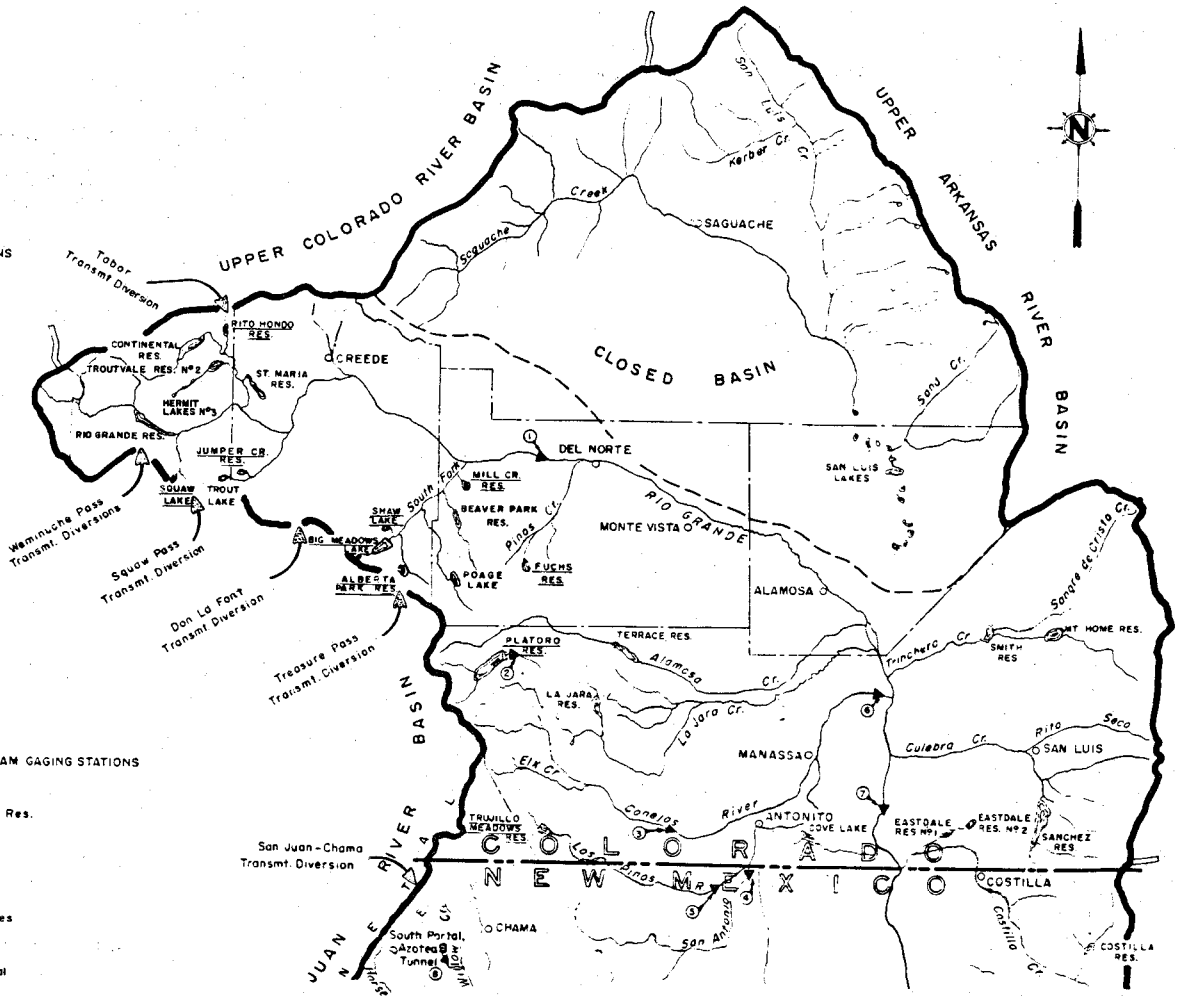
Azotea tunnel.—Water-stage recorder and 10-ft Parshall flume, lat 36°51'12", long 106°40'18", at south portal of Azotea tunnel, San Juan-Chama Project. Diversion is from Rio Blanco, Little Navajo River, and Navajo River in Colorado and discharge is into Azotea Creek in New Mexico. Construction completed in 1970.

Imported quantities, in acre-feet, 1991

Month	Pine River- Weminuche Pass ditch	Weminuche Pass ditch	Williams Creek- Squaw Pass ditch	Tabor ditch	Don La Font ditches	Treasure Pass diversion ditch	Azotea tunnel
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	250
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,020
May	0	12	0	322	0	0	42,650
June	185	673	172	378	288	9	35,650
July	0	0	59	131	56	0	5,700
August	0	0	4	88	61	0	1,030
September	73	0	0	57	68	0	1,080
October	17	0	0	19	0	0	20
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal. year	275	685	235	995	473	9	113,400

LEGEND

- ▲ GAGING STATION
- CITY OR TOWN
- BASIN BOUNDARY
- - - STATE LINE
- - - COUNTY LINE
- - - CLOSED BASIN BOUNDARY
- TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS



EXPLANATION

- RIO GRANDE COMPACT STREAM GAGING STATIONS**
- ① Rio Grande near Del Norte
 - ② Conejos River below Platoro Res.
 - ③ Conejos River near Monate
 - ④ San Antonio River at Ortiz
 - ⑤ Las Pinos River near Ortiz
 - ⑥ Conejos River near La Sauces
 - ⑦ Rio Grande near Lobatos
 - ⑧ Azzotea Tunnel at South Portal

EVAPORATION AND PRECIPITATION

The last paragraph of Article VI of the Compact states, in part, -- "such credits and debits shall be reduced annually to compensate for evaporation losses in the proportion that such credits or debits bear to the total amount of water in such reservoirs during the year."

To provide the data needed for the computation of such evaporation losses, the Commission has encouraged the establishment and operation of evaporation stations near each major reservoir in the basin and at other selected locations.

Evaporation and other climatological data collected at the several stations in Colorado and New Mexico are tabulated on the next page. At some of the stations, it was not possible to obtain evaporation records throughout the winter period.

The measurements of evaporation were made in accordance with standard practice for the type of pan in use. Measurements of precipitation were made in standard 8-inch rain gages, which were supplemented at some of the stations by recording rain gages.

Records for the evaporation stations at the State University, Elephant Butte Dam, and El Vado Dam antedated the creation of the Commission; the stations at Abiquiu Dam, Cochiti Dam, and Jemez Canyon Dam were established by the Corps of Engineers. All others were established at the request of the Commission.

The Rio Grande Compact Commission gratefully acknowledges the cooperation of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for furnishing the climatological records contained in this report.

Alamosa Airport.--Lat 37°27', long 105°52', in Alamosa County at airport near Alamosa, Colo. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 7,536 ft.

Platoro Dam.--Lat 37°21', long 106°30', in Conejos County near Platoro, Colo. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, fan type psychrometer, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 9,826 ft.

Heron Dam.--Lat 36°40', long 106°42', in Rio Arriba County about 4 mi. northeast of Heron Dam near Tierra Amarilla, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, maximum and minimum thermometers, and standard 8-inch rain gage at elevation 7,310 ft.

El Vado Dam.--Lat 36°36', long 106°44', in Rio Arriba County at El Vado Dam near Tierra Amarilla, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 6,750 ft.

Abiquiu Dam.--Lat 36°14', long 106°26', in Rio Arriba County at Abiquiu Dam near Abiquiu, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 6,380 ft.

Nambe Falls Dam.--Lat 35°51', long 105°54', in Santa Fe County at Nambe Falls Dam, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, maximum and minimum thermometers, recording thermograph, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 6,840 ft.

Cochiti Dam.--Lat 35°38', long 106°19', in Sandoval County at operations building, at Cochiti Dam, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 5,560 ft.

Jemez Canyon Dam.--Lat 35°23', long 106°32', in Sandoval County at Jemez Canyon Dam, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 5,388 ft.

Elephant Butte Dam.--Lat 33°09', long 107°11', in Sierra County at Elephant Butte Dam, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, and standard 8-inch rain gage at elevation 4,576 ft.

Caballo Dam.--Lat 32°54', long 107°18', in Sierra County at Caballo Dam, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 4,190 ft.

New Mexico State University.--Lat 32°17', long 106°45', in Doña Ana County at University Park, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 3,881 ft.

EVAPORATION AND PRECIPITATION
1991

Evaporation and precipitation, in inches

Station		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
Alamosa Airport	Evap.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.14	0.36	0.32	0.16	0.66	0.30	0.59	0.88	0.70	0.95	1.23	0.98	7.27
Platoro Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	-	-	5.06	6.36	3.70	3.94	-	-	-	-
	Precip.	-	-	-	-	-	1.41	2.67	5.53	2.66	0.01	-	-	-
Heron Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	4.06	6.84	9.30	6.77	6.04	4.96	2.98	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.84	0.79	1.63	2.05	1.39	0.73	3.00	2.94	2.37	1.92	1.55	3.05	22.26
El Vado Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	6.12	8.43	7.35	8.01	6.65	5.27	4.63	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.55	0.06	1.67	0.09	0.65	1.23	1.99	3.34	1.51	0.95	1.87	1.21	15.12
Abiquiu Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	7.82	10.00	9.08	8.96	7.89	5.97	5.78	-	-	55.50
	Precip.	0.07	0.00	0.11	0.07	1.25	1.81	2.87	2.81	1.04	0.24	1.85	0.80	12.92
Nambe Falls Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	6.76	10.74	9.71	9.39	7.98	6.57	5.29	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.18	0.00	0.95	0.17	2.88	1.61	4.67	3.83	2.76	0.56	1.76	1.43	20.80
Cochiti Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	0.92	12.98	12.59	11.63	9.10	7.75	7.30	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.27	0.55	1.10	0.00	2.69	3.01	2.67	1.94	2.32	0.38	1.46	2.37	18.76
Jemez Canyon Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	11.30	14.90	14.16	13.84	10.86	8.79	8.43	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.03	0.01	0.10	0.00	1.18	0.79	3.70	1.94	1.85	0.23	1.93	1.38	13.14
Elephant Butte Dam	Evap.	2.38	3.85	8.88	12.83	16.61	15.79	11.46	9.44	6.87	7.17	3.43	1.87	100.58
	Precip.	0.61	0.34	0.12	0.00	0.15	0.38	3.63	2.03	3.46	0.37	0.82	4.35	16.26
Caballo Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	11.43	14.36	13.49	11.33	10.75	7.48	7.24	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.47	0.75	0.23	0.00	0.10	0.23	2.71	3.02	2.78	0.38	0.76	3.84	15.27
State Univer.	Evap.	-	-	7.17	10.47	12.64	12.37	10.12	9.34	6.75	6.20	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.44	0.35	0.69	0.00	0.32	0.12	1.70	5.19	2.23	0.40	0.31	2.91	14.66

