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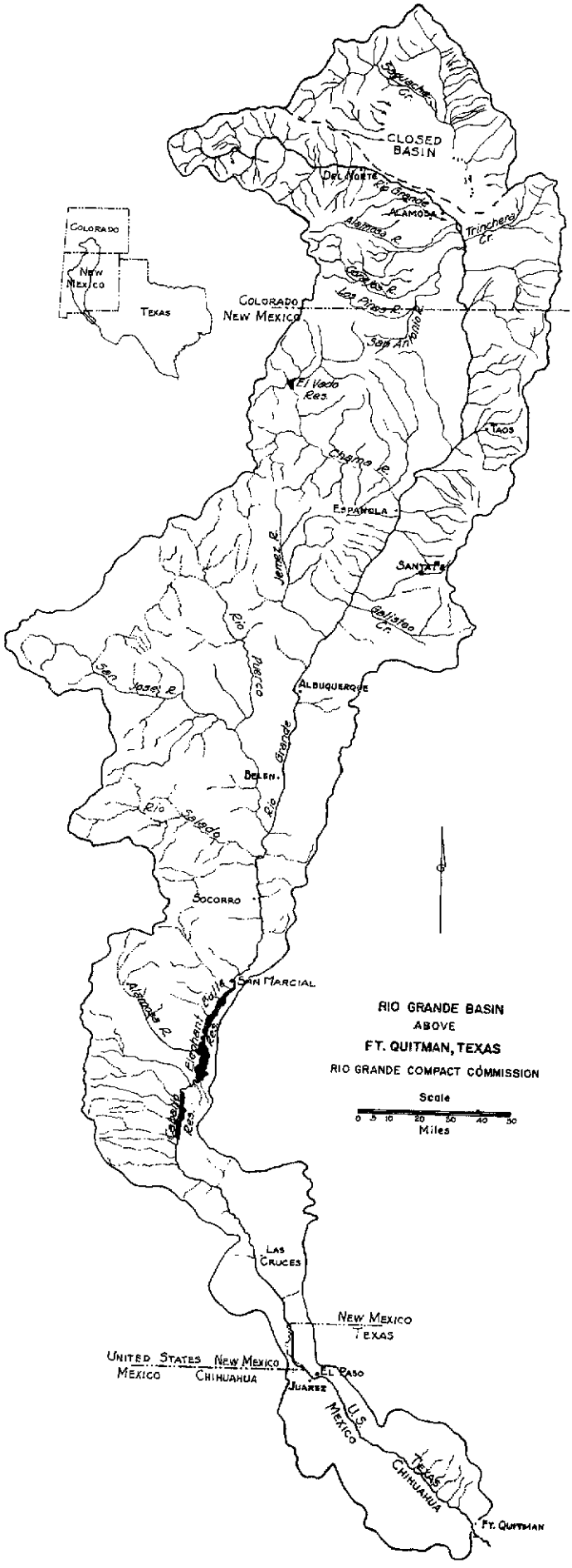
of the

RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION

1961

TO THE GOVERNORS OF
Colorado, New Mexico and Texas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RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION

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February 15, 1962

His Excellency, Edwin L. Mechem
Governor of the State of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

His Excellency, Price Daniel
Governor of the State of Texas
Austin, Texas

His Excellency, Stephen L. R. McNichols
Governor of the State of Colorado
Denver, Colorado

Sirs:

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Rio Grande Compact Commission was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on February 15, 1962.

The Commission reviewed the reports of the Secretary relative to stream flow at Compact gaging stations and storage in reservoirs. The Commission found that:

(a) The actual delivery of water by Colorado at Lobatos in 1961 was 169,200 acre-feet, which was 54,700 acre-feet less than the scheduled delivery. The accrued debit of Colorado was 626,100 acre-feet as of December 31, 1961.

(b) The actual delivery of water by New Mexico, measured by the Elephant Butte Effective Supply, was 510,300 acre-feet in 1961 which was 46,700 acre-feet more than the scheduled delivery. The accrued debit of New Mexico was 400,600 acre-feet as of December 31, 1961.

(c) Releases of usable water from Project Storage amounted to 562,700 acre-feet in 1961, which was 227,300 acre-feet less than the normal release defined by the Compact. The accrued departure from normal releases was an under-release of 1,649,100 acre-feet as of December 31, 1961. The total quantity of water in Project Storage was 380,500 acre-feet on that date.

Expenses of administration of the Rio Grande Compact were $28,969 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961; of which $12,850 was borne by the United States and the balance of $16,119 was borne equally by the three states party to the Compact.

Respectfully,

S. E. Reynolds
Commissioner for New Mexico

Louis C. Wroth
Commissioner for Texas

J. C. Whitten
Commissioner for Colorado

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.

(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 Sauses;

(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 Sauses 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 on 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.

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

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.

(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	
200	57
300	114
400	171
500	228
600	286
700	345
800	406
900	471
1,000	542
1,100	621
1,200	707
1,300	800
1,400	897
1,500	996
1,600	1,095
1,700	1,195
1,800	1,295
1,900	1,395
2,000	1,495
	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").

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 releases 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.

RECORDS OF DELIVERIES AND RELEASES

At the Annual Meeting of the Compact Commission in February of each year, the records of deliveries and releases for the year just ended are examined and the computations of debits and credits based thereon are reviewed and adopted. The records and computations for 1961 as adopted 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 records of stream flow adjusted in accordance with the provisions of Article III of the Compact: the obligation of Colorado to deliver water at the state line was computed as prescribed in Article III. Item C5, the Reduction of Debits prescribed in Article VI, was computed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

The delivery of water by New Mexico to Project Storage was computed from actual stream flow record and record of operation of Elephant Butte Reservoir and was adjusted as prescribed in Article IV of the Compact; the scheduled delivery was computed as prescribed in the Resolution of the Commission adopted at the Tenth Annual Meeting, and published in this Report. Item NM4, Reduction of Debits by Evaporation, is in accordance with the provisions of the third and the last paragraphs of Article VI of the Compact.

The actual release from Project Storage during the year was measured at stations below Caballo Dam: the adjustments, items P4, P5 and P6, are in accordance with the Rules and Regulations as amended June 2, 1959.

RIO GRANDE COMPACT

DELIVERIES BY COLORADO AT STATE LINE

003100

YEAR 1961

Quantities in Thousands of Acre Feet to Nearest Hundred

MONTH	CONEJOS INDEX SUPPLY										RIO GRANDE INDEX SUPPLY								DELIVERIES			
	MEASURED FLOW				ADJUSTMENTS				SUPPLY			ADJUSTMENTS					SUPPLY					
	CONEJOS AT MOGOTE	LOS PINOS NEAR ORTIZ	SAN ANTONIO AT ORTIZ	TOTAL	STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	CHANGE IN STORAGE	OTHER ADJUSTMENTS a	NET ADJUSTMENT	SUPPLY IN MONTH	ACCUMULATED TOTAL	RECORDED FLOW NEAR DEL NORTE	STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	CHANGE IN STORAGE	TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS b	OTHER ADJUSTMENTS a	NET ADJUSTMENT	SUPPLY IN MONTH	ACCUMULATED TOTAL	CONEJOS RIVER AT MOUTH NEAR LOS SAUCES	RIO GRANDE LESS CONEJOS RIVER	RIO GRANDE AT LOBATOS	ACCUMULATED TOTAL AT LOBATOS
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	———	———	———	———	4.9	———	———	———	———	-0-	———	1.2	———	———	———	———	———	-0-	———	———	———	-0-
JAN	2.3	———	———	2.3	4.9	0	0	0	2.3	2.3	7.4	1.3	+0.1			+0.1	7.5	7.5	2.4	7.0	9.4	9.4
FEB	2.6	———	———	2.6	4.9	0	0	0	2.6	4.9	8.8	1.4	+.1			+.1	8.9	16.4	3.2	9.0	12.2	21.6
MAR	4.5	———	———	4.5	4.9	0	0	0	4.5	9.4	12.4	1.4	0			0	12.4	28.8	3.5	8.6	12.1	33.7
APR	21.1	18.1	10.6	49.8	4.9	0	+.1	+.1	49.9	59.3	36.6	1.5	+.1			+.1	36.7	65.5	13.7	7.1	20.8	54.5
MAY	78.6	36.1	7.7	122.4	8.4	+3.5	+.1	+3.6	126.0	185.3	150.7	1.7	+.2			+.2	150.9	216.4	31.7	5.9	37.6	92.1
JUN	45.8	10.5	.3	56.6	8.4	0	+.1	+.1	56.7	242.0	139.0	1.7	0	-.8	+.2	-.6	138.4	354.8	5.2	9.8	15.0	107.1
JUL	9.3	2.1	.2	11.6	8.3	-.1	c+.1	0	11.6	253.6	32.8	1.7	0			0	32.8	387.6	.2	3.4	3.6	110.7
AUG	10.1	2.4	.6	13.1	8.3	0	0	0	13.1	266.7	27.6	1.7	0			0	27.6	415.2	0	3.1	3.1	113.8
SEPT	9.6	2.7	.2	12.5	8.3	0	0	0	12.5	279.2	28.3	1.7	0			0	28.3	443.5	.5	4.5	5.0	118.8
OCT	7.2	2.1	.2	9.5	8.3	0	0	0	9.5	288.7	28.8	1.7	0			0	28.8	472.3	1.5	3.8	5.3	124.1
NOV	8.7	———	———	8.7	4.3	-4.0	0	-4.0	4.7	293.4	15.6	1.1	-.6			-.6	15.0	487.3	8.8	19.1	27.9	152.0
DEC	3.4	———	———	3.4	4.3	0	0	0	3.4	296.8	13.0	1.1	0			0	13.0	500.3	4.9	12.3	17.2	169.2
YEAR	203.2	74.0	19.8	297.0	———	-.6	+.4	-.2	296.8	———	501.0	———	-.1	-.8	+.2	-.7	500.3	———	75.6	93.6	169.2	———

REMARKS:

a Evaporation loss.
b 1,036 acre-feet minus 243 acre-feet pre-compact.
c Total for Trujillo Meadows Reservoir.

SUMMARY OF DEBITS AND CREDITS

	ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	
C1	Balance at Beginning of Year	———	———	Dr	571.7
C2	Scheduled Delivery from Conejos River	106.8	———	Dr	678.5
C3	Scheduled Delivery from Rio Grande	127.1	———	Dr	805.6
C4	Actual Delivery at Lobatos plus 10 000 Acre Feet	———	179.2	Dr	626.4
C5	Reduction of Debits % Evaporation	———	0.3	Dr	626.1
C6	Reduction of Credits % Evaporation	———	———		———
C7		———	———		
C8	Balance at End of Year	———	———	Dr	626.1

RIO GRANDE COMPACT

DELIVERIES BY NEW MEXICO AT ELEPHANT BUTTE

YEAR 1961

Quantities in Thousands of Acre Feet to Nearest Hundred

MONTH	NATURAL FLOW AT OTOWI BRIDGE							TOTAL WATER STORED IN NEW MEXICO ABOVE SAN MARCIAL AT END OF MONTH	ELEPHANT BUTTE EFFECTIVE SUPPLY					
	RECORDED FLOW AT OTOWI BRIDGE	STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS LOCATED TO OTOWI			OTHER ADJUSTMENTS PER ARTICLE IV	OTOWI INDEX SUPPLY			STORAGE IN ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR		RECORDED FLOW BELOW ELEPHANT BUTTE DAM	ADJUSTMENT OF MEASUREMENTS	ACTUAL EFFECTIVE SUPPLY	
		TOTAL AT END OF MONTH [a]	CHANGE GAIN (+) LOSS (-)	EVAPORATION DURING MONTH		DURING MONTH (2+4+5+6)	ACCUMULATED TOTAL	[b]	AT END OF MONTH	CHANGE GAIN (+) LOSS (-)			DURING MONTH (11+12+13)	ACCUMULATED TOTAL
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	—	1.9	—	—	—	—	0	3.9	c427.8	—	—		—	0
JAN	28.3	1.9	0	0	0	28.3	28.3	3.7	452.2	+24.4	0.9	—	25.3	25.3
FEB	35.0	2.6	+.7	0	0	35.7	64.0	4.6	409.5	-42.7	73.9	—	31.2	56.5
MAR	43.9	8.6	+6.0	.2	0	50.1	114.1	11.1	335.7	-73.8	110.4	—	36.6	93.1
APR	83.6	61.6	+53.0	.1	0	136.7	250.8	65.4	321.9	-13.8	67.4	—	53.6	146.7
MAY	187.8	87.6	+26.0	.3	0	214.1	464.9	91.2	371.8	+49.9	73.1	—	123.0	269.7
JUN	76.1	82.2	-5.4	.3	0	71.0	535.9	85.3	334.7	-37.1	71.3	—	34.2	303.9
JUL	35.3	70.6	-11.6	.2	0	23.9	559.8	73.0	249.7	-85.0	90.8	—	5.8	309.7
AUG	54.0	62.0	-8.6	.1	0	45.5	605.3	65.0	185.6	-64.1	85.5	—	21.4	331.1
SEPT	41.3	66.4	+4.4	.1	0	45.8	651.1	69.2	201.6	+16.0	3.1	—	19.1	350.2
OCT	32.4	66.4	0	.2	0	32.6	683.7	69.5	208.0	+6.4	.4	—	6.8	357.0
NOV	98.4	25.0	-41.4	0	0	57.0	740.7	27.8	285.8	+77.8	.2	—	78.0	435.0
DEC	70.5	2.4	-22.6	0	0	47.9	788.6	5.4	360.9	+75.1	.2	—	75.3	510.3
YEAR	786.6	—	+.5	1.5	0	788.6	—	—	—	-66.9	577.2	—	510.3	—

REMARKS:

a Exclusive of 409 acre-feet reported to Commission in February 1962.
b Exclusive of 663 acre-feet reported to Commission in February 1962.
c From new capacity table; reported as 439.6 in 1960.

SUMMARY OF DEBITS AND CREDITS

	ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	
NM 1	Balance at Beginning of Year	—	—	Dr	448.1
NM 2	Scheduled Delivery at Elephant Butte	463.6	—	Dr	911.7
NM 3	Actual Elephant Butte Effective Supply	—	510.3	Dr	401.4
NM 4	Reduction of Debits % Evaporation	—	1.1	Dr	400.3
NM 5	Reduction of Credits % Evaporation		—		
NM 6	Adjustment for initial filling of recreation	.3	—	Dr	400.6
NM 7	ponds in drainage basin of Rio Chama.	—	—		
NM 8	Balance at End of Year	—	—	Dr	400.6

RIO GRANDE COMPACT

RELEASE AND SPILL FROM PROJECT STORAGE

YEAR 1961

003102

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 CANALS	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
	2,539.0	a427.8	16.4	444.2	2,094.8	0	0	0	0	444.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
JAN	2,539.0	452.2	19.2	471.4	2,067.6	0	0	0	0	471.4	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.1	0.1
FEB	2,539.0	409.5	83.4	492.9	2,046.1	0	0	0	0	492.9	.1	0	.1	0	0	0	.1	.2
MAR	2,539.0	335.7	79.9	415.6	2,123.4	0	0	0	0	415.6	104.1	.2	104.3	0	0	0	104.3	104.5
APR	2,539.0	321.9	80.7	402.6	2,136.4	0	0	0	0	402.6	63.8	.2	64.0	0	0	0	64.0	168.5
MAY	2,539.0	371.8	82.9	454.7	2,084.3	0	0	0	0	454.7	66.2	0	66.2	0	0	0	66.2	234.7
JUN	b 2,439.0	334.7	61.2	395.9	b 2,043.1	0	0	0	0	395.9	93.0	.2	93.2	0	0	0	93.2	327.9
JUL	b 2,439.0	249.7	33.1	282.8	b 2,156.2	0	0	0	0	282.8	118.9	.2	119.1	0	0	0	119.1	447.0
AUG	b 2,439.0	185.6	24.7	210.3	b 2,228.7	0	0	0	0	210.3	95.1	.2	95.3	0	0	0	95.3	542.3
SEPT	b 2,439.0	201.6	13.0	214.6	b 2,224.4	0	0	0	0	214.6	20.2	0	20.2	0	0	0	20.2	562.5
OCT	2,539.0	208.0	15.1	223.1	2,315.9	0	0	0	0	223.1	.1	0	.1	0	0	0	.1	562.6
NOV	2,539.0	285.8	17.6	303.4	2,235.6	0	0	0	0	303.4	.1	0	.1	0	0	0	.1	562.7
DEC	2,539.0	360.9	19.6	380.5	2,158.5	0	0	0	0	380.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	562.7
YEAR	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	561.7	1.0	562.7	0	0	0	562.7	—

REMARKS:

a From new capacity table; reported as 439.6 in 1960.

b The quantities of Project Storage and the unfilled portion of such storage do not include any of the 100,000 acre-feet of Caballo Reservoir capacity which the Regional Director, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation by letter of Feb. 12, 1960 stated is held inviolate by the Bureau of Reclamation for flood control purposes from June 1 to October 1.

Total quantity of water in Project Storage was below 400,000 acre-feet from June 29 to end of year.

ACCRUED DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL RELEASE

	ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
P1	Accrued Departure at Beginning of Year	—	—	Cr 1,499.1
P2	Actual Release during Year	562.7	—	Cr 936.4
P3	Normal Release for Year	—	790.0	Cr 1,726.4
P4	Actual Evaporation from Elephant Butte Reservoir	—	—	—
P5	Evaporation Loss if No Accrued Departure	—	—	—
P6	Under-release in excess of 150.0	77.3	—	Cr 1,649.1
P7	Accrued Departure at End of Year	—	—	Cr 1,649.1

TIME OF HYPOTHETICAL SPILL: Did not occur

COST OF OPERATION AND BUDGET

COST OF OPERATION, IN DOLLARS, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1961
Adopted at the Twenty-second Annual Meeting

ITEM	Total Cost	Borne by United States	Borne by States		
			Colorado	New Mexico	Texas
GAGING STATIONS					
In Colorado	7,800	3,900	3,900		
In New Mexico, above Caballo Reservoir	11,300	7,675		3,625	
Caballo Reservoir and below	4,400	225		275	3,900
Sub-total	23,500	11,800	3,900	3,900	3,900
ADMINISTRATION					
U. S. G. S. Contract	4,650	1,050	1,200	1,200	1,200
Other expense	819	0	273	273	273
Sub-total	5,469	1,050	1,473	1,473	1,473
TOTAL	28,969	12,850	5,373	5,373	5,373
EQUAL SHARES OF STATES			5,373	5,373	5,373
CASH ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN STATES			0	0	0

BUDGET, IN DOLLARS, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1963
Adopted at the Twenty-second Annual Meeting

ITEM	Total Cost	Borne by United States	Borne by States		
			Colorado	New Mexico	Texas
GAGING STATIONS					
In Colorado	8,000	4,000	4,000		
In New Mexico, above Caballo Reservoir	11,500	7,800		3,700	
Caballo Reservoir and below	4,500	200		300	4,000
Sub-total	24,000	12,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
ADMINISTRATION					
U. S. G. S. Contract	4,650	1,050	1,200	1,200	1,200
Other expense	900		300	300	300
Sub-total	5,550	1,050	1,500	1,500	1,500
TOTAL	29,550	13,050	5,500	5,500	5,500
EQUAL SHARES OF STATES			5,500	5,500	5,500
CASH ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN STATES			0	0	0

The recorded flow passing the gaging station on the Rio Grande near Del Norte, Colo. during the 1961 calendar year was 75 percent of the 72 year average. Similarly, the flow passing the station on Rio Grande at Otowi Bridge near San Ildefonso, N. Mex. was 69 percent of the 62 year average.

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 station description states the degree of accuracy of the records. "Excellent" indicates that, in general, the error in the daily records is believed to be less than 5 percent; "good" less than 10 percent; "fair", less than 15 percent; and "poor", probably more than 15 percent. The records of monthly runoff are, in general, more accurate than the daily records. These standards of accuracy are the same as those followed by the U. S. Geological Survey.

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The office of the State Engineer of Colorado furnished records of discharge on the following:

Rio Grande near Del Norte, Colo.
Conejos River near Mogote, Colo.
San Antonio River at Ortiz, Colo.
Los Pinos River near Ortiz, Colo.
Conejos River near La Sauses, Colo.
Rio Grande near Lobatos, Colo.

Records of 6 transmountain diversions and of storage in Squaw, Trout, Shaw, and Poage Lakes, Rito Hondo, Hermit Lakes Reservoir No. 3, Troutvale No. 2, Jumper Creek, Alberta Park, Beaver Park, Mill Creek, Fuchs, and Trujillo Meadows Reservoirs were also furnished by the office of the State Engineer of Colorado.

The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Monte Vista, Colo., furnished records for Platoro Reservoir and for Conejos River below Platoro Reservoir, Colo.

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

Storage in El Vado Reservoir near Tierra Amarilla, N..Mex.
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 Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque, N. Mex. furnished the record of storage in Jemez Canyon Reservoir and, in cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey, also furnished the record for Jemez River below Jemez Canyon Dam, N. Mex.

The United Pueblos Agency, Albuquerque, N. Mex. supplied the records of storage for the following:

Acomita Reservoir near San Fidel, N. Mex.

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

Storage in Elephant Butte Reservoir, N. Mex.
Storage in Caballo Reservoir, 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 near Del Norte, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 37°41'20", long 106°27'30", in NW¼ sec. 29, T. 40 N., R. 5 E., on right bank, 20 ft downstream from county highway bridge, 5 miles upstream from Pinos Creek, and 6 miles west of Del Norte. 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.--72 years (1890-1961) 920 cfs (666,100 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1889-1961: Maximum discharge, 18,000 cfs Oct. 5, 1911 (gage height, 6.80 ft), from rating curve extended above 6,000 cfs; minimum daily, 69 cfs Aug. 21, 1902.

Remarks.--Records excellent except for some winter months, which are fair. Flow regulated by four large 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	3,755	135	105	121	7,450
February	4,448	190	120	159	8,820
March	6,234	296	150	201	12,360
April	18,474	1,370	185	616	36,640
May	75,997	4,050	937	2,452	150,700
June	70,100	3,800	1,050	2,337	139,000
July	16,549	983	269	534	32,820
August	13,932	656	291	449	27,630
September	14,245	641	365	475	28,250
October	14,505	610	341	468	28,770
November	7,863	377	175	262	15,600
December	6,557	242	190	212	13,010
Calendar year 1961	252,659	4,050	105	692	501,000

Conejos River below Platoro Reservoir, Colo.

Location--Water-stage recorder and concrete control, lat 37°21'20", long 106°32'35", in NW¼NW¼ sec. 22, T. 36 N., R. 4 E., on left bank 1,500 ft downstream from valve house for Platoro Reservoir and half a 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.--9 years (1953-61) 83.8 cfs (60,670 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1952-61: Maximum discharge, 1,160 cfs 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 poor. No diversions above station. Flow completely regulated by Platoro Reservoir (capacity, 60,000 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	341	11	11	11	676
February	308	11	11	11	611
March	341	11	11	11	676
April	1,008	95	11	33.6	2,000
May	10,966	635	32	354	21,750
June	8,258	576	72	275	16,380
July	1,265	72	15	40.8	2,510
August	1,755	112	18	56.6	3,480
September	2,084	151	31	68.8	4,090
October	1,112	74	11	35.9	2,210
November	2,540	645	12	84.7	5,040
December	372	12	12	12	738
Calendar year 1961	30,330	645	11	83.1	60,160

Conejos River near Mogote, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 37°03'20", long 106°11'20", in SE¼ sec. 34, T. 33 N., R. 7 E., on right bank 20 ft downstream from bridge on State Highway 174, three-quarters of a mile downstream from Fox Creek and 5½ miles west of Mogote. Altitude of gage is 8,240 ft.

Drainage area.--282 sq mi.

Average discharge.--51 years (1904, 1912-61), 339 cfs (245,400 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1903-5, 1911-61: Maximum discharge, 9,000 cfs Oct. 5, 1911 (gage height, 8.50 ft), from rating curve extended above 3,000 cfs; minimum daily determined, 10 cfs 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	1,153	46	30	37.2	2,290
February	1,320	53	39	47.1	2,620
March	2,283	113	48	73.6	4,530
April	10,632	960	71	354	21,090
May	39,648	2,000	448	1,279	78,640
June	23,095	1,700	266	770	45,810
July	4,693	273	77	151	9,310
August	5,087	252	84	164	10,090
September	4,836	310	108	161	9,590
October	3,630	149	82	117	7,200
November	4,366	697	59	146	8,660
December	1,710	80	25	55.2	3,390
Calendar year 1961	102,453	2,000	25	281	203,200

San Antonio River at Ortiz, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 37°00', long 106°02', in New Mexico in sec. 19, T. 32 N., R. 9 E., on left bank a quarter of a mile south of New Mexico-Colorado State line, half a mile south of Ortiz, and half a mile upstream from Los Pinos River. Altitude of gage is 8,000 ft.

Drainage area.--110 sq mi.

Average discharge.--21 years (1941-61), 26.6 cfs (19,260 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1920, 1925-61: Maximum discharge, 1,750 cfs Apr. 15, 1937 (gage height, 5.38 ft), from rating curve extended above 1,100 cfs; no flow at times.

Remarks.--Records good above 10 cfs and fair below. 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	15.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	31
February	98.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	194
March	540.0	41	5.0	17.4	1,070
April	5,346	441	21	178	10,600
May	3,886	415	21	125	7,710
June	132.1	17	.8	4.40	262
July	79.0	13	0	2.55	157
August	322.9	140	.2	10.4	640
September	114.9	32	.5	3.83	228
October	116.2	8.2	1.6	3.75	230
November	143.9	9.1	1.3	4.80	285
December	112.7	6.0	2.0	3.64	224
Calendar year 1961	10,907.2	441	0	29.9	21,630

Los Pinos River near Ortiz, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 36°58', long 106°03', in New Mexico in N½ sec. 34, T. 32 N., R. 8 E., on left bank 1 mile south of New Mexico-Colorado State line, 2 miles southwest of Ortiz, and 2½ miles upstream from mouth. Altitude of gage is 8,100 ft.

Drainage area.--167 sq mi.

Average discharge.--43 years (1915-20, 1925-61), 126 cfs (91,220 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1915-20, 1925-61: Maximum discharge, 3,160 cfs May 12, 1941 (gage height, 5.77 ft, site and datum then in use), from rating curve extended above 1,600 cfs; minimum observed, 4.0 cfs 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	279	9	9	9	553
February	336	12	12	12	666
March	772	45	15	24.9	1,530
April	9,111	887	28	304	18,070
May	18,204	1,050	348	587	36,110
June	5,279	388	63	176	10,470
July	1,089	74	17	35.1	2,160
August	1,199	66	17	38.7	2,380
September	1,343	188	18	44.8	2,660
October	1,058	59	23	34.1	2,100
November	940	50	20	31.3	1,860
December	535	25	11	17.3	1,060
Calendar year 1961	40,145	1,050	9	110	79,620

Conejos River near La Sauses, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorders, lat 37°18', long 105°45', in secs. 2 and 11 (two channels), T. 35 N., R. 11 E., on left bank of main channel 100 ft downstream from bridge on State Highway 158 and on right bank of secondary channel 130 ft downstream from bridge, half a mile upstream from mouth, and 2 miles north of La Sauses. Datum of gage on main channel is 7,495.02 ft and on secondary (south) channel is 7,495.89 ft above mean sea level (levels by Bureau of Reclamation).

Drainage area.--887 sq mi.

Average discharge.--40 years (1922-61), 198 cfs (143,300 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1921-61: Maximum discharge, 3,890 cfs May 15, 1941; no flow at times in 1934, 1948, 1950-51, 1953-56, 1958-61.

Remarks.--Records fair above 10 cfs and poor below. 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	1,209	47	33	39.0	2,400
February	1,629	77	48	58.2	3,230
March	1,736	90	44	56.0	3,440
April	6,921	783	44	231	13,730
May	15,953	1,150	206	515	31,640
June	2,637.8	586	3.3	87.9	5,230
July	101.1	9.2	.1	3.26	201
August	2.6	.5	0	.08	5.2
September	229.9	38	.4	7.66	456
October	774.1	55	7.2	25.0	1,540
November	4,440	556	69	148	8,810
December	2,468	109	65	79.6	4,900
Calendar year 1961	38,101.5	1,150	0	104	75,580

Rio Grande near Lobatos, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 37°05', long 105°45', in sec. 22, T. 33 N., R. 11 E., on right bank just downstream from 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 7,426.79 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.--62 years (1900-1961), 636 cfs (460,400 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1899-1961: Maximum discharge observed, 13,200 cfs June 8, 1905 (gage height, 9.1 ft), from rating curve extended above 8,000 cfs; no flow at times in 1950-51, 1956.

Remarks.--Records good except those for winter months, which are fair. Natural flow of streams 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	4,721	190	130	152	9,360
February	6,135	270	175	219	12,170
March	6,120	250	153	197	12,140
April	10,464	854	156	349	20,760
May	18,956	1,230	251	611	37,600
June	7,580	854	90	253	15,030
July	1,828	95	39	59.0	3,630
August	1,556	73	33	50.2	3,090
September	2,505	144	30	83.5	4,970
October	2,674	131	62	86.3	5,300
November	14,094	883	163	470	27,960
December	8,669	423	110	280	17,190
Calendar year 1961	85,302	1,230	30	234	169,200

Rio Chama below El Vado Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 36°34'50", long 106°43'30", in Tierra Amarilla Grant, 1.5 miles downstream from El Vado Dam, 2.7 miles upstream from Rio Nutrias, and 13 miles southwest of Tierra Amarilla, Rio Arriba County. 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 datum.

Drainage area.--877 sq mi.

Average discharge.--4 years (1914, 1921-23), 444 cfs prior to completion of dam; 26 years (1936-61), 388 cfs (280,900 acre-ft per year) subsequent to completion of El Vado Dam.

Extremes.--1914-16, 1920-24, 1936-61: Maximum discharge observed, 9,000 cfs May 22, 1920 (gage height, 12 ft); no flow Mar. 25, 26, 31, 1955.

Remarks.--Records are good except those for some winter months, which are poor. Diversions above station for irrigation of about 8,000 acres. Since 1935 flow regulated by El Vado Reservoir.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in Acre-feet
January	992	37	30	32.0	1,970
February	1,276	60	34	45.6	2,530
March	2,194.1	298	.4	70.8	4,350
April	2,739.3	1,360	.3	91.3	5,430
May	41,052	1,460	998	1,324	81,430
June	12,159	1,010	95	405	24,120
July	8,016	970	35	259	15,900
August	7,936	993	34	256	15,740
September	4,667	546	54	156	9,260
October	4,063	250	80	131	8,060
November	26,679	1,050	83	889	52,920
December	13,051	855	90	421	25,890
Calendar year 1961	124,824.4	1,460	.3	342	247,600

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

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°52'30", long 106°08'30", in San Ildefonso Pueblo Grant, 400 ft downstream from bridge on State Highway 4, $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles southwest of San Ildefonso Pueblo, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles downstream from Pojoaque River, and 7 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.--62 years (1896-1905), 1910-61) 1,585 cfs (1,147,000 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1895-1905, 1910-61: Maximum discharge, 24,400 cfs May 23, 1920 (gage height, 14.1 ft); minimum daily, 60 cfs July 4, 5, 1902.

Remarks.--Records good. Flow partly regulated by El Vado Reservoir since 1935. Diversions above station for irrigation of about 600,000 acres in Colorado and 75,000 acres in New Mexico.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in Acre-feet
January	14,276	514	403	461	28,320
February	17,640	743	506	630	34,990
March	22,125	1,000	557	714	43,880
April	42,175	3,010	542	1,406	83,650
May	94,680	4,200	2,570	3,054	187,800
June	38,345	2,590	465	1,278	76,060
July	17,783	1,150	262	574	35,270
August	27,208	3,800	259	878	53,970
September	20,825	1,220	483	694	41,310
October	16,343	680	419	527	32,420
November	49,621	2,190	708	1,654	98,420
December	35,572	1,640	714	1,147	70,560
Calendar year 1961	396,593	4,200	259	1,087	786,600

Santa Fe River near Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder and concrete control, lat 35°41'10", long 105°50'35", in $NE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., 0.4 mile downstream from McClure Dam, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Santa Fe. Datum of gage is 7,718 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to Nov. 4, 1930, at site 1.5 miles downstream and Apr. 11, 1931, to September 1947 at site 0.3 mile upstream.

Drainage area.--18.2 sq mi.

Average discharge.--49 years (1913-61), 8.40 cfs (6,080 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1913-61: Maximum discharge, 1,500 cfs Aug. 14, 1921; minimum daily 0.1 cfs Feb. 7-10, 20, 21, 1927, Aug. 1-4, 1951.

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	123.2	4.7	3.4	3.97	244
February	94.8	3.6	3.2	3.39	188
March	89.5	3.1	2.7	2.89	178
April	91.9	3.3	2.7	3.06	182
May	248.7	22	3.4	8.02	493
June	306.1	13	8.4	10.2	607
July	284.7	11	8.1	9.18	565
August	278.4	14	8.1	8.98	552
September	181.4	10	3.3	6.05	360
October	143.0	15	3.3	4.61	284
November	94.8	3.4	3.0	3.16	188
December	108.4	4.3	3.3	3.50	215
Calendar year 1961	2,044.9	22	2.7	5.60	4,060

Jemez River below Jemez Canyon Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°23'10", long 106°31'45", in NE¼ sec. 5, T. 13 N., R. 4 E., on right bank three-quarters of a mile downstream from Jemez Canyon Dam, 1½ miles upstream from mouth, and 6 miles north of Bernalillo. Datum of gage is 5095.60 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to Apr. 24, 1951, at site three-quarters of a mile upstream at datum 24.51 ft higher. Apr. 24, 1951, to June 25, 1958, at site 37 ft upstream at datum 4.40 ft higher.

Drainage area.--1,034 sq mi.

Average discharge.--19 years (1937, 1944-61), 51.9 cfs (37,570 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1937, 1944-61: Maximum discharge 16,300 cfs Aug. 29, 1943 (gage height, 5.62 ft); no flow at times.

Remarks.--Records poor. 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	449	22	5	14.5	891
February	772	36	18	27.6	1,530
March	2,185	245	23	70.4	4,330
April	11,045	785	100	368	21,910
May	5,759	401	34	186	11,420
June	166.9	32	0	5.56	331
July	17.4	10	0	.56	35
August	1,841.9	463	0	59.4	3,650
September	269	37	0	8.97	534
October	398.9	133	0	12.9	791
November	1,124	106	16	37.5	2,230
December	734.8	40	8.8	23.7	1,460
Calendar year 1961	24,762.9	785	0	67.8	49,110

Rio Grande below Elephant Butte Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 33°08'45", long 107°12'20", in SW¼ sec. 25, T. 13 S., R. 4 W., (projected), in Pedro Armendariz Grant, on left bank 1.0 mile downstream from dam and 1½ miles upstream from Cuchillo Negro River. Datum of gage is 4,242.09 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to Apr. 23, 1942, at several different sites and datums.

Drainage area.--28,900 sq mi, approximately (includes 2,940 sq mi in closed basin in San Luis Valley, Colo.

Average discharge.--45 years (1917-61), 1,051 cfs (760,900 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1917-61: Maximum daily discharge, 8,220 cfs May 22, 1942; no flow at times prior to 1929.

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	476.7	111	4.7	15.4	946
February	37,260	1,370	1,230	1,331	73,900
March	55,670	1,880	1,350	1,796	110,400
April	33,980	1,170	1,100	1,133	67,400
May	36,830	1,280	1,070	1,188	73,050
June	35,946	1,310	902	1,198	71,300
July	45,800	1,620	1,390	1,477	90,840
August	43,120	1,580	1,010	1,391	85,530
September	1,576.9	466	5.5	52.6	3,130
October	181.1	23	3.9	5.84	359
November	76.7	5.6	2.1	2.56	152
December	91.7	5.2	2.5	2.96	182
Calendar year 1961	291,009.1	1,880	2.1	797	577,200

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Rio Grande below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 32°53'05", long 107°17' 30", in NE¼SW¼ sec. 30, T. 16 S., R. 4 W., 600 ft upstream from Bojarquez Bridge, 4,200 ft downstream from Caballo Dam, 1 1/3 miles upstream from Percha diversion dam, and 3 miles northeast of Arrey. Datum of gage is 4,140.9 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Oct. 13, 1938, to Dec. 31, 1945, at datum 5.0 ft higher.

Drainage area.--30,200 sq mi, approximately (includes 2,940 sq mi in closed basin in San Luis Valley, Colo.).

Average discharge.--24 years (1938-61), 947 cfs (685,600 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1938-61: Maximum daily discharge, 7,650 cfs May 20, 1942; minimum daily, 0.1 cfs Oct. 31 to Nov. 14, 1954, Nov. 7 to Dec. 31, 1955.

Remarks.--Records good. Considerable diversion above station for irrigation. Flow regulated by Caballo and Elephant Butte Reservoirs.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in Acre-feet
January	37.2	1.3	0.8	1.20	74
February	34.5	1.4	1.1	1.23	68
March	52,463.6	2,820	1.4	1,692	104,100
April	32,173	1,680	763	1,072	63,810
May	33,385	1,280	740	1,077	66,220
June	46,880	1,840	1,130	1,563	92,990
July	59,960	2,350	1,480	1,934	118,900
August	47,944	2,190	286	1,547	95,100
September	10,193.2	1,620	1.3	340	20,220
October	40.8	1.4	1.3	1.32	81
November	38.4	1.4	1.1	1.28	76
December	34.3	1.2	1.0	1.11	68
Calendar year 1961	283,184	2,820	.8	776	561,700

Bonito ditch below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.

Records available.--January 1938 to December 1961. Published as supplementary data with Rio Grande below Caballo Dam in U.S.G.S. Water-Supply Papers 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.

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in Acre-feet
January					0
February					0
March					262
April					165
May					33
June					173
July					178
August					214
September					18
October					0
November					0
December					0
Calendar year 1961					1,040

STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS

Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in Colorado (Constructed or enlarged since 1937)

Squaw Lake.--Staff gage in sec. 12, T. 39 N., R. 4 W., on tributary to Squaw Creek. Completed in 1938; capacity, 162 acre-ft by 1953 survey. Water is used for irrigation below gaging station on Rio Grande near Del Norte.

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	2.0	-	-	-	-	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	-	-	-
Contents	33	50	65	85	115	162	162	162	162	162	162	0	0	-
Change in contents	-	+17	+15	+20	+30	+47	0	0	0	0	0	-162	0	-33

Rito Hondo Reservoir.--Staff gage in sec. 22, T. 42 N., R. 3 W., on Rito Hondo (Deep Creek) tributary to Clear Creek. Completed in 1957; capacity, 561 acre-ft. Originally filled during May and June 1958 with transmountain water; storage is not in debit status. Water is used for fish culture.

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	-
Contents	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	-
Change in contents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hermit Lakes Reservoir No. 3.--In sec. 25, T. 41 N., R. 4 W., on South Clear Creek. Completed prior to 1960; capacity, 192 acre-ft. Capacity table based on elevation above bottom of outlet. Water is used for fish culture.

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	-
Contents	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	-
Change in contents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Troutvale No. 2 Reservoir.--Staff gage in E½ sec. 10, T. 41 N., R. 3 W., on South Clear Creek. Completed in 1940; capacity, 435 acre-ft. Condition of spillway limited storage to 168 acre-ft after May 1942. Repairs to spillway in 1947 increased capacity to 257 acre-ft. Water is used for fish culture with only occasional sale for irrigation.

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	-
Contents	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	-
Change in contents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in Colorado
(Constructed or enlarged since 1937)

Trout Lake.--Staff gage in sec. 12, T. 39 N., R. 3 W., on tributary to Trout Creek. Completed about 1932; capacity, 198 acre-ft; enlarged in 1948 to a capacity of 320 acre-ft. Only the storage in excess of 198 acre-ft is subject to terms of Rio Grande Compact.

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	2.2	-	-	-	-	12.0	11.1	6.3	5.1	5.1	5.1	-	-	-
Contents	50	95	125	165	230	320	290	153	122	122	122	25	95	-
Change in contents	-	+45	+30	+40	+65	+90	-30	-137	-31	0	0	-97	+70	+45

Jumper Creek Reservoir.--In sec. 5, T. 39 N., R. 2 W., on Jumper Creek, tributary to Trout Creek. Completed in 1951; capacity, 38 acre-ft. Capacity table based on elevation above bottom of outlet.

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	-
Contents	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	-
Change in contents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Alberta Park Reservoir.--In sec. 34, T. 38 N., R. 2 E., on Pass Creek. Completed in 1953; capacity, 598 acre-ft. Capacity table based on elevation above bottom of outlet.

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	9.9	-	-	-	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	-	-	-
Contents	123	180	215	265	309	309	309	309	309	309	309	0	0	-
Change in contents	-	+57	+35	+50	+44	0	0	0	0	0	0	-309		-123

Shaw Lake.--In sec. 5, T. 38 N., R. 2 E., on tributary to Lake Creek. Capacity, 638 acre-ft by 1916 decree; enlarged in 1955 to 681 acre-ft. Only the storage in excess of 638 acre-ft is subject to terms of Rio Grande Compact.

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

nth	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
ge height	4.0	-	-	-	9.5	9.5	11.2	7.5	7.0	7.0	7.0	-	-	-
ntents	84	135	170	210	249	249	310	182	169	169	169	270	340	-
ange in contents	-	+51	+35	+40	+39	0	+61	-128	-13	0	0	+101	+70	+256

Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in Colorado
(Constructed or enlarged since 1937)

Poage Lake.--In sec. 26, T. 38 N., R. 3 E., on tributary to Race Creek. Constructed in 1918; capacity, 258 acre-ft; enlarged in 1954 to 370 acre-ft. Capacity based on elevation above outlet. Only the storage in excess of 258 acre-ft is subject to terms of Rio Grande Compact.

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	2.0	-	-	-	9.6	9.6	9.6	4.8	1.4	1.4	1.4	-	-	-
Contents	42	95	135	180	222	222	222	103	28	28	28	130	205	-
Change in contents	-	+53	+40	+45	+42	0	0	-119	-75	0	0	+102	+75	+163

Beaver Park Reservoir.--In sec. 28, T. 39 N., R. 3 E., on Beaver Creek. Constructed in 1912. Enlarged in 1957 from capacity of 4,194 acre-ft to 4,758 acre-ft. Only the storage in excess of 4,194 acre-ft 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
December 31, 1960	40.2	1,104	-
January 31, 1961	48.6	1,589	+485
February 28	53.0	1,872	+283
March 31	57.5	2,192	+320
April 30	61.6	2,508	+316
May 31	61.6	2,508	0
June 30	61.6	2,508	0
July 31	-	0	-2,508
August 31	-	0	0
September 30	-	0	0
October 31	-	0	0
November 30	-	0	0
December 31	-	0	0
Calendar Year 1961	-	-	-1,104

Mill Creek Reservoir.--In sec. 16, T. 39 N., R. 3 E., on Mill Creek. Completed in 1953; capacity, 43 acre-ft. Capacity based on elevation above bottom of outlet.

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	-
Contents	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	-
Change in contents	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fuchs Reservoir.--Staff gage in sec. 2, T. 37 N., R. 4 E., on East Pinos Creek. Completed in 1939; capacity, 237 acre-ft with 2 ft of flash boards in spillway. Pinos Creek enters Rio Grande below station near Del Norte.

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	8.0	-	-	-	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	-	-	-
Contents	64	115	150	195	237	237	237	237	237	237	237	0	0	-
												-237	0	-64

Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in Colorado
(Constructed or enlarged since 1937)

Platoro Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in NW¼SW¼ sec. 22, T. 36 N., R. 4 E., on Conejos River. Completed in 1951; capacity, 60,000 acre-ft at crest of spillway. Reservoir is used for irrigation and flood control. Storage affects Conejos Index Supply.

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1960	9,946.0	4,010	-
January 31, 1961	9,946.0	4,010	0
February 28	9,946.0	4,010	0
March 31	9,946.0	4,010	0
April 30	9,946.0	4,010	0
May 31	9,956.5	7,500	+3,490
June 30	9,956.5	7,500	0
July 31	9,956.2	7,400	-100
August 31	9,956.2	7,400	0
September 30	9,956.2	7,400	0
October 31	9,956.2	7,400	0
November 30	9,943.9	3,400	-4,000
December 31	9,943.9	3,400	0
Calendar Year 1961	-	-	-610

Trujillo Meadows Reservoir.--In sec. 5, T. 32 N., R. 5 E., on Los Pinos River. Completed in 1957; capacity, 913 acre-ft. Water is used for fish culture. Storage affects Conejos Index Supply. Storage removed from debit status by exchange of transmountain water (See minutes of meeting Feb. 19, 1960).

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

Month	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1961	Feb. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1961	June 1961	July 1961	Aug. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Calendar year 1961
Gage height	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	
Contents	913	913	913	913	913	913	913	913	913	913	913	913	913	
Change in contents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

El Vado Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder (staff gage only below elevation 6,878.0 ft), lat 36°34'45", long 106°43'55" on Rio Chama. Storage began in January 1935. Capacity, 194,500 acre-ft at elevation 6,902.0 ft (crest of spillway), as determined by partial-sediment survey in 1954. Staff gage readings furnished by Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1960	6,773.1	1,940	-
January 31, 1961	6,773.0	1,910	-30
February 28	6,775.6	2,600	+690
March 31	6,789.2	8,580	+5,980
April 30	6,843.4	61,600	+53,020
May 31	6,859.4	87,570	+25,970
June 30	6,856.4	82,250	-5,320
July 31	6,849.3	70,550	-11,700
August 31	6,843.7	62,040	-8,510
September 30	6,846.6	66,370	+4,330
October 31	6,846.6	66,370	0
November 30	6,812.2	25,020	-41,350
December 31	6,775.0	2,430	-22,590
Calendar year 1961	-		

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

McClure (Granite Point) Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in NE¼SW¼ sec. 24, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., on Santa Fe River. Original reservoir, capacity, 561 acre-ft, completed in 1926 and not subject to terms of Rio Grande Compact; in 1935, permanent flash boards were installed in spillway increasing capacity to 650 acre-ft; in 1947 both dam and spillway were raised increasing capacity to 3,090 acre-ft (gage height, 103.1 ft, at which radial gates open automatically).

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1960	85.4	1,870	-
January 31, 1961	82.7	1,710	-160
February 28	80.8	1,600	-110
March 31	80.9	1,600	0
April 30	92.7	2,340	+740
May 31	101.1	2,940	+600
June 30	98.5	2,750	-190
July 31	92.3	2,310	-440
August 31	99.0	2,790	+480
September 30	98.8	2,770	-20
October 31	96.7	2,620	-150
November 30	95.7	2,550	-70
December 31	94.6	2,470	-80
Calendar year 1961	-	-	+600

Nichols Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in E½NE¼ sec. 21, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., on Santa Fe River. Completed in 1942; capacity, 796 acre-ft. Water is for municipal use in Santa Fe.

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1960	148.5	256	-
January 31, 1961	143.4	182	-74
February 28	141.8	162	-20
March 31	152.0	317	+155
April 30	159.2	472	+155
May 31	156.9	419	-53
June 30	155.2	380	-39
July 31	153.8	352	-28
August 31	160.3	499	+147
September 30	160.6	507	+8
October 31	155.8	394	-113
November 30	153.9	354	-40
December 31	151.8	313	-41
Calendary year 1961	-	-	+57

San Gregorio Reservoir.--Staff gage in SW¼NE¼ sec. 20, T. 21 N., R. 1 E. (projected), on Clear Creek tributary to Rio Las Vacas and Jemez River. Completed in October 1958; capacity 254 acre-ft at elevation 9,408.0 ft (crest of spillway).

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1960	-	[a]120	-
January 31, 1961	-	[a]120	0
February 28	-	[a]120	0
March 31	-	[a]160	+40
April 30	-	[a]200	+40
May 31	-	[a]300	+100
June 30	18.3	230	-70
July 31	-	[a]210	-20
August 31	-	[a]180	-30
September 30	14.8	160	-20
October 31	-	[a]160	0
November 30	-	[a]160	0

Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in New Mexico

Jemez Canyon Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in SW¼SW¼ sec. 32, T. 14N., R. 4E., on Jemez River 2¼ miles above mouth. Completed in 1953; capacity, 183,900 acre-ft at elevation of 5,252.3 ft. Capacity at elevation 5,232.0 ft (crest of spillway), 113,900 acre-ft by 1959 survey. Reservoir is operated by Corps of Engineers for flood control and sediment storage.

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1960	-	0	-
January 31, 1961	-	0	0
February 28	-	0	0
March 31	5,142.05	389	+389
April 30	5,144.70	782	+393
May 31	5,137.40	23	-759
June 30	-	0	-23
July 31	-	0	0
August 31	-	0	0
September 30	-	0	0
October 31	-	564	+564
November 30	5,143.30	0	-564
December 31	-	0	0
Calendar year 1961	-	-	0

Acomita Reservoir.--Staff gage in SE¼ 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 gage height, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1960	-	230	-
January 31, 1961	-	350	+120
February 28	-	650	+300
March 31	-	650	0
April 30	-	600	-50
May 31	-	475	-125
June 30	-	300	-175
July 31	-	160	-140
August 31	-	60	-100
September 30	-	0	-60
October 31	-	0	0
November 30	-	320	+320
December 31	-	600	+280
Calendar year 1961	-	-	+370

Elephant Butte Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in NW¼ sec. 30, T. 13S., R. 3W., at dam on Rio Grande. Storage began Jan 6, 1915; capacity 2,195,000 acre-ft at gage height 4,407.0 ft (crest of spillway), by survey of 1961. Datum of gage is 43.3 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Water is used for power and development and irrigation in New Mexico and Texas. Records furnished by Bureau of Reclamation.

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1960	4,327.10	427,800	-
January 31, 1961	4,329.10	452,200	+24,400
February 28	4,325.57	409,500	-42,700
March 31	4,318.96	335,700	-73,800
April 30	4,317.64	321,900	-13,800
May 31	4,322.28	371,800	+49,900
June 30	4,318.87	334,700	-37,100
July 31	4,310.06	249,700	-85,000
August 31	4,302.22	185,600	-64,100
September 30	4,304.30	201,600	+16,000
October 31	4,305.09	208,000	+6,400
November 30	4,314.00	285,800	+77,800
December 31	4,321.30	360,900	+75,100
Calendar year 1961			

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Caballo Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in SE¼SW¼ sec. 19, T. 16 S., R. 4 W., at dam on Rio Grande. Storage began Feb. 8, 1938; capacity, 344,000 acre-ft (by 1958 survey), 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.

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1960	4,130.82	16,360	-
January 31, 1961	4,132.15	19,220	+2,860
February 28	4,150.52	83,370	+64,150
March 31	4,149.83	79,940	-3,430
April 30	4,149.98	80,660	+720
May 31	4,150.42	82,870	+2,210
June 30	4,145.69	61,220	-21,650
July 31	4,137.61	33,080	-28,140
August 31	4,134.48	24,720	-8,360
September 30	4,129.10	12,990	-11,730
October 31	4,130.19	15,080	+2,090
November 30	4,131.41	17,610	+2,530
December 31	4,132.30	19,560	+1,950
Calendar year 1961	-	-	+3,200

Project Storage.--This is the combined storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs. Total Project Storage capacity is 2,439,000 acre-ft which excludes the 100,000 acre-ft reserved for flood control in Caballo Reservoir.

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1960	-	444,200	-
January 31, 1961	-	471,400	+27,200
February 28	-	492,900	+21,500
March 31	-	415,600	-77,300
April 30	-	402,600	-13,000
May 31	-	454,700	+52,100
June 30	-	395,900	-58,800
July 31	-	282,800	-113,100
August 31	-	210,300	-72,500
September 30	-	214,600	+4,300
October 31	-	223,100	+8,500
November 30	-	303,400	+80,300
December 31	-	380,500	+77,100
Calendar year 1961	-	-	-63,700

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Imported quantities, in acre-feet, 1961

Month	Fuchs ditch	Raber-Lohr ditch	Squaw Pass ditch	Tabor ditch	Piedra Pass ditch	Treasure Pass ditch
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	155	0	0	87	0	55
June	566	998	236	157	0	159
July	84	324	93	0	0	0
August	90	293	32	0	0	0
September	7	23	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar year	902	1,638	361	244	0	214

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 station at Bosque del Apache was established for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the station at Jemez Canyon Dam was established for the Corps of Engineers. All others were established at the request of the Commission.

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Wagon Wheel Gap.--Lat 37°46', long 106°49', in Mineral County near Creede, Colo. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 8,500 ft.

Alamosa.--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. Records furnished by Bureau of Reclamation.

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.

Santa Fe.--Lat 35°39', long 105°56', in Santa Fe, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gates at elevation 7,045 ft.

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

Bosque del Apache.--Lat 33°46', long 106°54', in Socorro County, 7 miles south of San Antonio, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 4,520 ft.

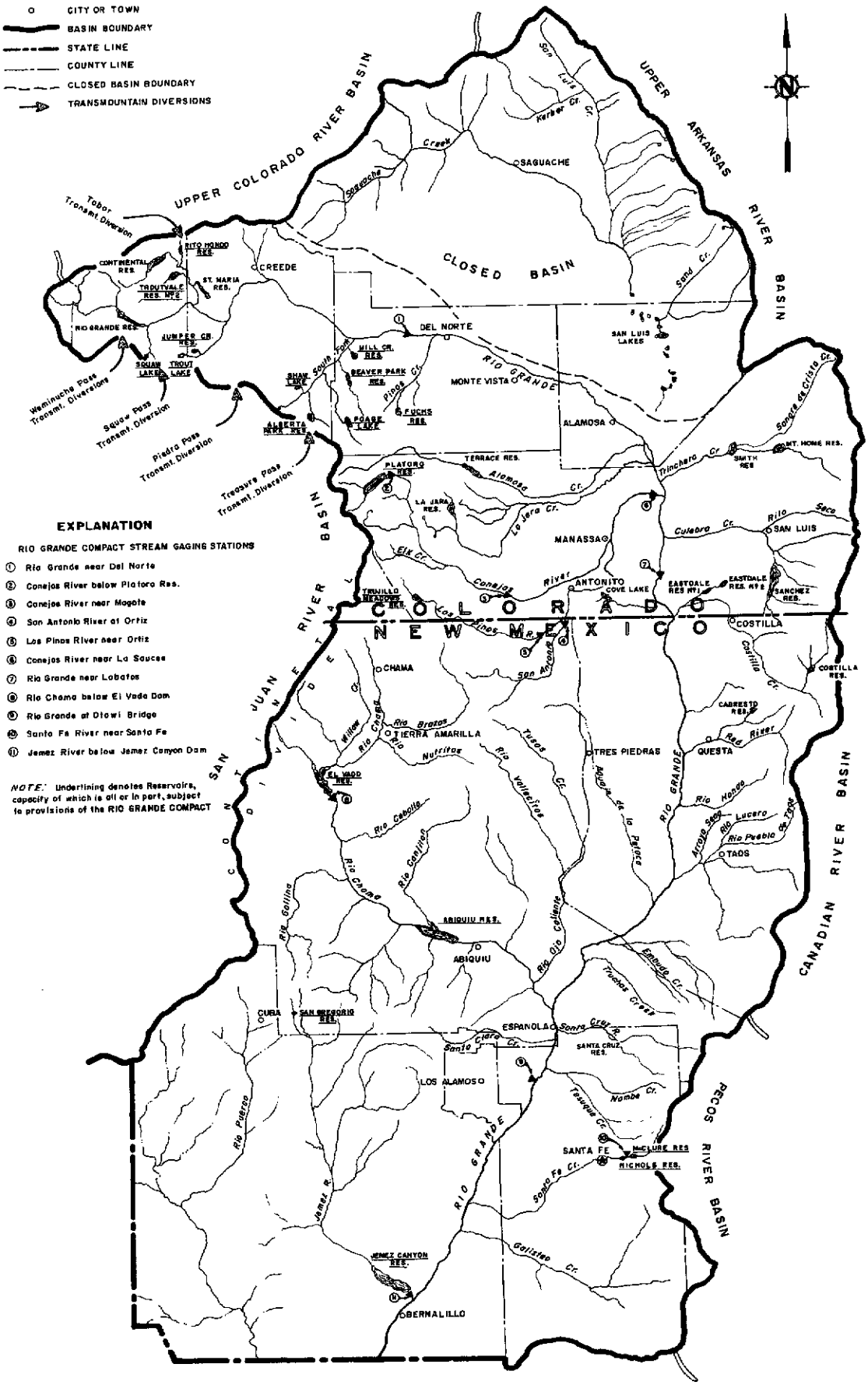
Elephant Butte Dam.--Lat 33°09', long 107°11', in Sierra County at Elephant Butte Dam, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, and standard 8-inch rain gage at elevation 4,576 ft.

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 Dona 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 3,909 ft.

Evaporation and precipitation, in inches

Station		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
Wagon Wheel Gap	Evap.	-	-	-	-	-	8.84	7.58	5.16	5.21	-	-	-	-
	Precip.	T	0.08	1.55	1.20	0.26	.37	.95	3.13	1.58	3.12	0.60	0.59	13.43
Alamosa	Evap.	-	-	-	7.52	11.13	10.35	8.96	7.77	6.57	-	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.09	.23	.62	1.02	.70	.51	.89	2.03	1.38	1.55	.60	.57	10.19
Platoro Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	-	6.66	7.13	5.19	4.97	4.60	3.58	-	-	-
	Precip.	-	-	-	-	.73	1.90	1.94	3.87	2.52	4.71	-	-	-
El Vado Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	-	7.10	7.62	7.80	5.12	3.76	-	-	-	-
	Precip.	.50	.77	2.05	.59	.22	.24	.82	3.20	2.78	2.60	1.22	1.15	16.14
Santa Fe	Evap.	-	-	-	-	-	11.56	10.85	7.70	6.20	5.88	-	-	-
	Precip.	.53	.55	.79	.93	.69	.46	1.88	3.96	1.77	1.14	.74	1.33	14.77
Jemez Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	9.59	13.55	13.05	14.22	11.66	8.76	7.33	2.65	-	-
	Precip.	.52	.06	.39	.34	T	.48	.54	2.04	.53	.60	.64	.84	6.98
Bosque del Apache	Evap.	-	4.16	7.12	10.38	13.44	12.66	13.10	10.49	7.48	6.78	2.54	2.83	-
	Precip.	.11	.00	.50	.47	.36	.83	1.47	4.30	7.46	.01	.83	-	-
Elephant Butte Dam	Evap.	1.94	5.70	9.90	13.64	18.14	17.29	15.89	11.82	9.29	9.61	3.28	3.30	119.80
	Precip.	.37	T	.59	T	.00	.89	.88	1.87	1.46	T	2.02	.14	8.22
Caballo Dam	Evap.	2.97	5.67	9.19	13.07	15.93	15.29	14.31	11.23	8.23	7.93	3.21	2.61	109.64
	Precip.	.47	.00	.37	T	.03	1.01	.92	2.86	2.51	.03	2.41	.33	10.94
State University	Evap.	1.99	4.00	7.47	10.61	14.12	13.43	12.39	9.89	7.58	6.53	2.38	2.24	92.61
	Precip.	.74	.02	.14	T	.00	2.29	1.10	1.77	1.53	.03	1.63	.81	10.06



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