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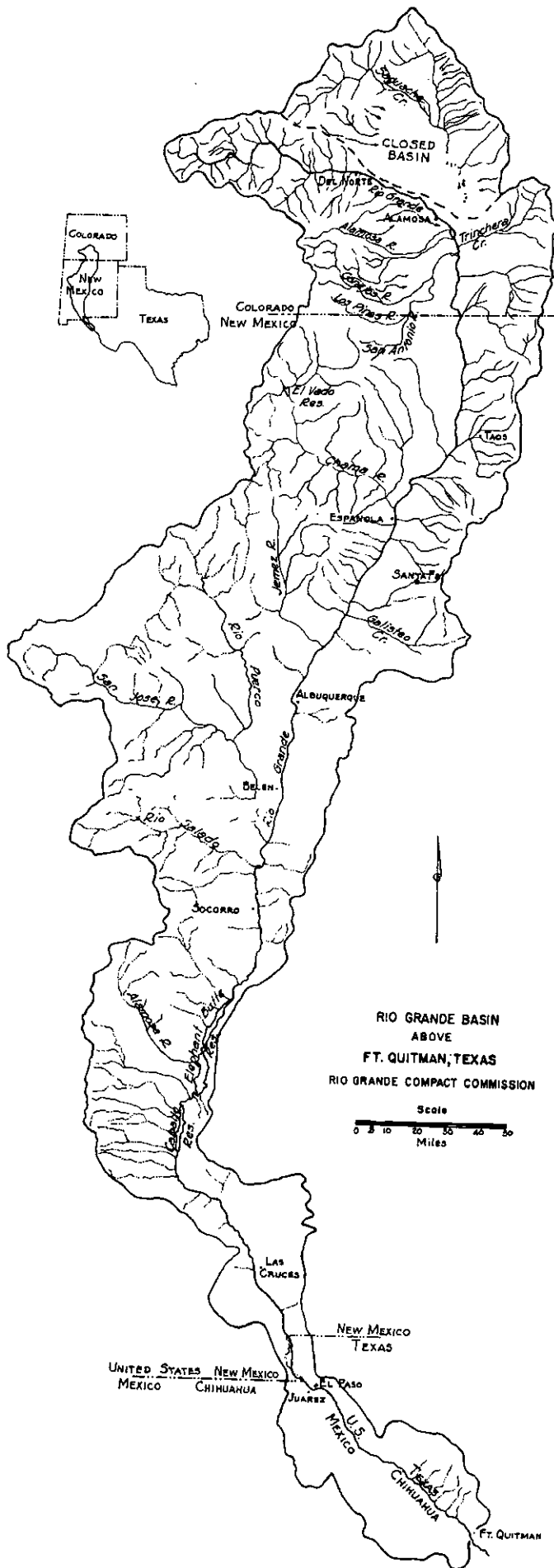
REPORT
of the
RIO GRANDE COMPACT
COMMISSION

1981



TO THE GOVERNORS OF
Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas

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RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION
COLORADO TEXAS NEW MEXICO

The Honorable William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of the State of Texas
Austin, Texas

March 25, 1982

The Honorable Richard D. Lamm
Governor of the State of Colorado
Denver, Colorado

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

Sirs:

The 43rd annual meeting of the Rio Grande Compact Commission was held in Alamosa, Colorado on March 25, 1982.

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

- (a) Deliveries of water at the Colorado-New Mexico State line by Colorado amounted to 131,500 acre-feet, which was 11,000 acre-feet more than the scheduled delivery in 1981. The accrued debit of Colorado was reduced to 663,500 acre-feet as of December 31, 1981. However, in light of the as yet unresolved controversy between the States, Colorado cannot agree with conclusions as to its indebtedness.
- (b) Deliveries of water into Elephant Butte Reservoir by New Mexico, as measured by the Elephant Butte Effective Supply, amounted to 187,500 acre-feet, which was 50,300 acre-feet less than the scheduled delivery in 1981. The accrued debit of New Mexico was increased to 195,700 acre-feet as of December 31, 1981.
- (c) Releases of usable water in 1981 from Project Storage amounted to 609,600 acre-feet.
- (d) Expenses of administration of the Rio Grande Compact were \$69,182 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981. The United States bore \$29,060 of this total; the balance of \$40,122 was borne equally by the three states party to the Compact.

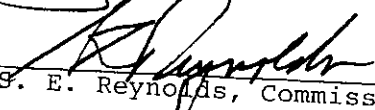
Respectfully,



Jesse B. Gilmer, Commissioner for Texas



Jeris A. Danielson, Commissioner for Colorado



S. E. Reynolds, Commissioner for New Mexico

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE II

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE III

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

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

DISCHARGE OF CONEJOS RIVER

Quantities in thousands of acre feet

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

Intermediate quantities shall be computed by proportional parts.

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

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

DISCHARGE OF RIO GRANDE EXCLUSIVE OF CONEJOS RIVER

Quantities in thousands of acre feet

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

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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.

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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.

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(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

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

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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.

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

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

ARTICLE XIII

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

ARTICLE XIV

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

ARTICLE XV

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

ARTICLE XVI

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

ARTICLE XVII

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

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

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RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT

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

(Sgd.) M. C. HINDERLIDER

(Sgd.) THOMAS M. McCLURE

(Sgd.) FRANK B. CLAYTON

APPROVED:

(Sgd.) S. O. HARPER

RATIFIED BY:

Colorado, February 21, 1939

New Mexico, March 1, 1939

Texas, March 1, 1939

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

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

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved:

The Commission finds as follows:

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

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

Be it Further Resolved:

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

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

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

Quantities in thousands of acre-feet

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

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RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

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	
2,200	1,695
2,300	1,795
2,400	1,895
2,500	1,995
2,600	2,095
2,700	2,195
2,800	2,295
2,900	2,395
3,000	2,495
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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."

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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").

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
ADMINISTRATION OF THE RIO GRANDE COMPACT

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

GAGING STATIONS /1

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

- (a) Gaging stations on streams and reservoirs in the Rio Grande Basin above the Colorado-New Mexico boundary shall be equipped, maintained, and operated by Colorado in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey.
- (b) Gaging stations on streams and reservoirs in the Rio Grande Basin below Lobatos and above Caballo Reservoir shall be equipped, maintained and operated by New Mexico in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey to the extent that such stations are not maintained and operated by some other Federal Agency.
- (c) Gaging stations on Elephant Butte Reservoir and on Caballo Reservoir, and the stream gaging stations on the Rio Grande below those reservoirs shall be equipped, maintained and operated by or on behalf of Texas through the agency of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

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

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

RESERVOIR CAPACITIES /1

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

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

ACTUAL SPILL /2

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

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

/2 Adopted at Fourth Annual Meeting, February 24, 1943.

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(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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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. Hinderlinder
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 on March 25, 1982 the records of deliveries and releases for calendar year 1981 were examined and the computations of debits and credits based thereon were reviewed. The records and computations as reviewed by the Commission are reproduced on the next three pages.

The delivery of water in the Rio Grande at the Colorado-New Mexico State line was obtained from the record of streamflow near Lobatos, Colorado; the 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 the actual streamflow record and the record of operation of Elephant Butte Reservoir; the scheduled delivery was computed as prescribed in the Resolution of the Commission adopted at the Tenth Annual Meeting, and published in this report. Item NM4, Reduction of Debits by Evaporation, was computed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. The creation of a minimum recreation pool in Elephant Butte Reservoir was initiated in December 1975 and is in accordance with a resolution adopted May 3, 1974.

The actual release from Project Storage during the year was measured at gaging stations below Caballo Dam. The Accrued Departure from Normal Release is an under-release but is omitted in accordance with a decision of the Commission at the meeting on February 15, 1968.

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RIO GRANDE COMPACT
DELIVERIES BY NEW MEXICO AT ELEPHANT BUTTE

YEAR 1981

Quantities in Thousands of Acre Feet to Nearest Hundred

MONTH	OTOWI										ELEPHANT BUTTE				EFFECTIVE SUPPLY	
	ADJUSTMENTS					SUPPLY					STORAGE IN ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR		Recorded Flow Below Elephant Butte Dam	During Month	Accumulated Total	
	Recorded Flow at Otowi Bridge	Storage - End of Month	Change in Storage	Reservoir Evaporation	Other Adjustments	Trans-mountain Diversions	Net Adjustment	During Month	Accumulated Total	End of Month	Change Gain (+) Loss (-)					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
JAN	42.3	49.9	+0.2	+0.1		-5.3	-5.0	37.3	51.4	1,158.2						
FEB	32.8	50.0	-1	+1		-3	-3	69.8	51.6	1,152.3	-5.9	50.7	+44.8	44.8		
MAR	38.8	50.2	+2	+2		-2	+2	108.8	52.0	1,131.2	-21.1	53.7	+32.6	77.4		
APR	36.0	68.5	+18.3	+3		-2.2	+16.4	161.2	69.3	1,064.2	-84.8	88.1	+3.3	99.6		
MAY	51.2	69.9	+1.4	+4		-2.5	-7	211.7	70.5	939.7	-124.5	126.7	+2.2	101.8		
JUN	56.9	67.8	-2.1	+5	b+0.1	-29.7	-31.2	237.4	68.3	822.6	-117.1	110.2	-6.9	94.9		
JUL	45.2	67.4	-4	+2		-24.8	-25.0	257.6	67.6	749.7	-72.9	79.7	+6.8	101.7		
AUG	39.5	67.7	+3	+2		-11.0	-10.5	286.6	68.2	716.5	-33.2	35.8	+2.6	104.3		
SEPT	24.7	66.7	-1.0	+2		-1.9	-2.7	308.6	67.3	704.9	-11.6	26.6	+15.0	119.3		
OCT	34.7	66.9	+2	+2		-1.0	-6	342.7	67.4	709.2	+4.3	.9	+5.2	124.5		
NOV	44.0	67.2	+3	+2		-9	-4	386.3	67.6	697.1	-12.1	39.2	+27.1	151.6		
DEC	35.7	67.4	+2	+1		-5.4	-5.1	416.9	68.0	672.3	-24.8	60.7	+35.9	187.5		
YEAR	481.8		+17.5	+2.7	+0.1	-85.2	-64.9	416.9			-485.9	673.4	187.5			

REMARKS: Storage in recreational reservoirs not included. Cols. 3, 11, and 12 include only Rio Grande water in storage.

a Using new capacity table for Elephant Butte Reservoir effective Jan. 1, 1981.
b Annual evaporation loss from recreational reservoirs.

SUMMARY OF DEBITS AND CREDITS

ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
NM1 Balance at Beginning of Year			Dr 148.0
NM2 Scheduled Delivery of Elephant Butte	237.8		Dr 385.8
NM3 Actual Elephant Butte Effective Supply		187.5	Dr 198.3
NM4 Reduction of Debits % Evaporation		2.6	Dr 195.7
NM5 Reduction of Credits % Evaporation			
NM6			
NM7			
NM8 Balance at End of Year			Dr 195.7

NJO GRANDE COMPACT
RELEASE AND SPILL FROM PROJECT STORAGE

YEAR 1981

Quantities in Thousands of Acre Feet, to Nearest Hundred

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			NO GRANDE BELOW CABALLO DAM						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
JAN	2,454.3	81.158.2	83.2	1,261.4	1,212.9	0	0	0	0	0	1,241.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
FEB	2,454.3	1,152.3	130.7	1,283.0	1,171.3	0	0	0	0	0	1,283.0	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
MAR	2,454.3	1,131.2	156.0	1,287.2	1,167.1	0	0	0	0	0	1,287.2	18.6	0	18.6	0	0	0	0	0	0		
APR	2,454.3	1,149.0	68.2	1,217.2	1,237.1	0	0	0	0	0	1,217.2	86.8	.3	87.1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
MAY	2,454.3	1,064.2	68.1	1,132.3	1,322.0	0	0	0	0	0	1,132.3	79.2	.1	79.3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
JUN	2,454.3	822.6	96.0	918.6	1,435.7	0	0	0	0	0	1,034.9	90.0	.1	90.1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
JUL	2,454.3	749.7	67.2	816.9	1,537.4	0	0	0	0	0	918.6	107.2	.4	107.6	0	0	0	0	0	0		
AUG	2,454.3	716.5	21.3	737.8	1,616.5	0	0	0	0	0	816.9	108.0	.3	108.3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
SEPT	2,454.3	704.9	12.9	717.8	1,636.5	0	0	0	0	0	737.8	80.3	.1	80.4	0	0	0	0	0	0		
OCT	2,454.3	709.2	16.4	725.6	1,728.7	0	0	0	0	0	717.8	37.7	.1	37.8	0	0	0	0	0	0		
NOV	2,454.3	697.1	59.0	756.1	1,698.2	0	0	0	0	0	725.6	.1	0	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
DEC	2,454.3	672.3	108.6	780.9	1,673.4	0	0	0	0	0	756.1	.1	0	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
YEAR											780.9	.1	0	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
											608.2	1.4	609.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

ACCUMULATED DEFICIT FROM NORMAL RELEASE

ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
P1	Accrued Debiture at Beginning of Year		
P2	Actual Release during Year		
P3	Normal Release for Year		
P4	Actual Evaporation from Elephant Butte Reservoir		
P5	Evaporation Loss if No Accrued Debiture		
P6			
P7	Accrued Debiture at End of Year		

REMARKS: Cols. 3, 5, and 11 include only Rio Grande water in storage.

a Using new capacity table for Elephant Butte Reservoir effective Jan. 1, 1981.
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 in violation by the Bureau of Reclamation for flood control purposes from June 1 to October 1.
c See minutes of meeting February 15, 1968.

Note.--Project storage exceeded 400,000 acre-feet for entire year.

TIME OF THEORETICAL SPILL

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RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT

COST OF OPERATION, IN DOLLARS, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981

Adopted at the Forty-third Annual Meeting

Item	Total cost	Borne by United States	Borne by		
			Colorado	New Mexico	Texas
GAGING STATIONS					
In Colorado	19,280	9,640	9,640	-	-
In New Mexico, above Caballo Reservoir	24,630	15,630	-	9,000	-
In New Mexico, Caballo Reservoir and below	10,920	640	-	640	9,640
Subtotal	54,830	25,910	9,640	9,640	9,640
ADMINISTRATION					
U.S.G.S. Contract	12,600	3,150	3,150	3,150	3,150
Other expense	1,752.60	-	584.20	584.20	584.20
Subtotal	14,352.60	3,150	3,734.20	3,734.20	3,734.20
GRAND TOTAL	69,182.60	29,060	13,374.20	13,374.20	13,374.20
EQUAL SHARES OF STATES	-	-	13,374.20	13,374.20	13,374.20
CASH ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN STATES	-	-	0	0	0

BUDGET, IN DOLLARS, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1983

Adopted at the Forty-third Annual Meeting

Item	Total cost	Borne by United States	Borne by		
			Colorado	New Mexico	Texas
GAGING STATIONS					
In Colorado	22,940	11,470	11,470	-	-
In New Mexico, above Caballo Reservoir	29,280	18,580	-	10,700	-
In New Mexico, Caballo Reservoir and below	13,010	770	-	770	11,470
Subtotal	65,230	30,820	11,470	11,470	11,470
ADMINISTRATION					
U.S.G.S. Contract	14,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Other expense	2,580	-	860	860	860
Subtotal	16,580	3,500	4,360	4,360	4,360
GRAND TOTAL	81,810	34,320	15,830	15,830	15,830
EQUAL SHARES OF STATES	-	-	15,830	15,830	15,830
CASH ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN STATES	-	-	0	0	0

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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The water-supply data contained in this report have been furnished by various Federal and State Agencies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque, N. Mex., furnished the records of storage in Abiquiu, Galisteo, and Jemez Canyon Reservoirs and in Cochiti Lake and, in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey, also furnished the records for Rio Chama below Abiquiu Dam, Rio Grande below Cochiti Dam, Galisteo Creek below Galisteo Dam, and Jemez River below Jemez Canyon Dam, N. Mex.

The Southern Pueblos Agency, Albuquerque, N. Mex., supplied the records of storage in Acoma Reservoir.

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

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

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

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ACCURACY OF RECORDS

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

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

The station description states the degree of accuracy of the daily records. "Excellent" means that about 95 percent of the daily discharges are considered to be within 5 percent of true value; "good" within 10 percent; and "fair" within 15 percent. "Poor" means that daily discharges have less than "fair" accuracy.

The phrase "within 5% of true value" used to qualify "excellent" records establishes the extremes of the probable errors for 95% of the days in a given period of time. The word "within" defines the range of errors with individual daily values falling between 95% and 105% of true value. The probable error in a monthly or annual mean discharge depends more on the distribution of the daily errors between these two limits than it does on the limits themselves. For this reason monthly and annual records are much more accurate than most daily records.

STREAMFLOW

Rio Grande near Del Norte, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 37°41'22", long 106°27'38", in NW¼ sec. 29, T. 40 N., R. 5 E., on right bank, 20 ft downstream from county highway bridge, 6 miles west of Del Norte, and 6.8 miles upstream from Pinos Creek. Datum of gage is 7,980.25 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to May 16, 1908, staff gage at site 4 miles downstream. Records are equivalent.

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

Average discharge.--92 years (1890-1981), 895 ft³/s (648,400 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1889-1981: Maximum discharge, 18,000 ft³/s Oct. 5, 1911 (gage height, 6.80 ft), from rating curve extended above 12,900 ft³/s; minimum daily, 69 ft³/s Aug. 21, 1902.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January					
February	5,175	185	155	167	10,260
March	4,657	185	145	166	9,240
April	5,364	208	158	173	10,640
May	15,888	1,390	155	530	31,510
June	45,198	2,590	804	1,458	89,650
July	52,029	3,270	488	1,734	103,200
August	18,695	974	340	603	37,080
September	13,271	745	320	428	26,320
October	11,685	494	290	390	23,180
November	18,627	1,010	335	601	36,950
December	9,426	455	195	314	18,700
	6,457	268	150	208	12,810
Calendar year 1981	206,472	3,270	145	566	409,500

Conejos River below Platoro Reservoir, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder and concrete control, lat 37°21'18", long 106°32'37", in NW¼NW¼ sec. 22, T. 36 N., R. 4 E., on left bank 1,100 ft downstream from valve house for Platoro Reservoir, and 0.7 mile northwest of Platoro. Datum of gage is 9,866.60 ft above mean sea level (levels by Bureau of Reclamation).

Drainage area.--40 sq mi, approximately.

Average discharge.--29 years (1953-81), 88.3 ft³/s (63,970 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1952-81: Maximum discharge, 1,160 ft³/s Nov. 1, 1957; maximum gage height, 4.29 ft June 15, 1958; no flow Oct. 16-20, 1955.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January					
February	160.0	7.5	4.0	5.16	317
March	163.0	7.0	5.0	5.82	323
April	256.5	10	5.0	8.27	509
May	1,929.5	442	8.0	64.3	3,830
June	5,489	386	69	177	10,890
July	8,451	636	82	282	16,760
August	1,617	104	13	52.2	3,210
September	851.3	54	7.4	27.5	1,690
October	1,197	85	22	39.9	2,370
November	2,089	182	14	67.4	4,140
December	776	37	18	25.9	1,540
	434	14	14	14.0	861
Calendar year 1981	23,413.3	636	4.0	64.1	46,440

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Conejos River near Mogote, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 37°03'14", long 106°11'13", in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 34, T. 33 N., R. 7 E., on right bank 25 ft upstream from bridge on State Highway 174, 0.4 mile downstream from Fox Creek, and 5.3 miles west of Mogote. Datum of gage is 8,271.54 ft above mean sea level.

Drainage area.--282 sq mi.

Average discharge.--71 years (1904, 1912-81), 327 ft³/s (236,900 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1903-05, 1911-81: Maximum discharge, 9,000 ft³/s Oct. 5, 1911 (gage height, 8.50 ft), from rating curve extended above 3,100 ft³/s; minimum daily determined, 10 ft³/s July 18, 1904.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	1,106	42	33	35.7	2,190
February	1,008	42	30	36.0	2,000
March	1,544	68	40	49.8	3,060
April	5,763	740	53	192	11,430
May	15,552	965	302	502	30,850
June	18,809	1,410	204	627	37,310
July	4,784	243	91	154	9,490
August	3,235	180	68	104	6,420
September	4,449	260	96	148	8,820
October	6,251	376	93	202	12,400
November	2,663	122	50	88.8	5,280
December	1,987	82	39	64.1	3,940
Calendar year 1981	67,151	1,410	30	184	133,200

San Antonio River at Ortiz, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 36°59'35", long 106°02'17", in New Mexico in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, sec. 24, T. 32 N., R. 8 E., on left bank 800 ft south of New Mexico-Colorado State line, 0.4 mile south-east of Ortiz, and 0.4 mile upstream from Los Pinos River. Altitude of gage is 7,970 ft.

Drainage area.--110 sq mi.

Average discharge.--41 years (1941-81), 24.5 ft³/s (17,750 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1920, 1925-81: Maximum discharge, 1,750 ft³/s Apr. 15, 1937 (gage height, 5.38 ft), from rating curve extended above 1,100 ft³/s; no flow at times.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	56.7	3.0	1.0	1.83	112
February	91.2	6.0	1.0	3.26	181
March	166.7	8.9	3.8	5.38	331
April	890.9	57	6.1	29.7	1,770
May	323.4	26	3.8	10.4	641
June	69.70	12	0	2.32	138
July	19.56	5.0	0	.63	39
August	77.06	11	.05	2.49	153
September	67.00	12	.40	2.23	133
October	94.40	8.0	.50	3.05	187
November	57.90	3.6	.80	1.93	115
December	73.7	3.4	1.5	2.38	146
Calendar year 1981	1,988.22	57	0	5.45	3,940

STREAMFLOW

Los Pinos River near Ortiz, Colo.

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

Drainage area.--167 sq mi.

Average discharge.--63 years (1915-20, 1925-81), 119 ft³/s (86,220 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1915-20, 1925-81: Maximum discharge, 3,160 ft³/s May 12, 1941 (gage height, 5.77 ft, site and datum then in use), from rating curve extended above 1,600 ft³/s; minimum observed, 4.0 ft³/s Dec. 17, 1945.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January					
February	485	20			
March	407	19	12	15.6	962
April	483	18	12	14.5	807
May	4,346	329	13	15.6	958
June	5,982	540	17	145	8,620
July	2,631	195	126	193	11,870
August	741	42	21	87.7	5,220
September	753	56	17	23.9	1,470
October	786	49	11	24.3	1,490
November	1,372	92	17	26.2	1,560
December	643	29	18	44.3	2,720
	487	21	13	21.4	1,280
Calendar year 1981	19,116	540	10	15.7	966
				52.4	37,920

Conejos River near Lasausas, Colo.

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

Drainage area.--887 sq mi.

Average discharge.--60 years (1922-81), 179 ft³/s (129,700 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1921-81: Maximum discharge, 3,890 ft³/s May 15, 1941; no flow at times in some years.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January					
February	1,394	55	37	45.0	2,760
March	1,389	66	36	49.6	2,760
April	1,813	70	34	58.5	3,600
May	1,245.1	161	3.6	41.5	2,470
June	1,681.9	141	4.6	54.3	3,340
July	210.05	39	.53	7.00	417
August	6.08	.83	0	.20	12
September	2.62	.41	0	.085	5.2
October	2.70	.26	0	.090	5.4
November	4,188.80	304	0	135	8,310
December	3,014	137	0	100	5,980
	1,413	68	48	45.6	2,800
Calendar year 1981	16,360.25	304	28		
			0	44.8	32,450

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Rio Grande near Lobatos, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 37°04'42", long 105°45'22", in sec. 22, T. 33 N., R. 11 E., on right bank 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 7,427.63 ft above mean sea level, datum 1929.

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

Average discharge.--31 years (1900-30), 846 ft³/s (598,400 acre-ft per year); 51 years (1931-81) 411 ft³/s (297,800 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1899-1981: Maximum discharge observed, 13,200 ft³/s June 8, 1905, (gage height, 9.1 ft), from rating curve extended above 8,000 ft³/s; no flow at times in 1950-51, 1956.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	7,346	310	180	237	14,570
February	6,916	315	155	247	13,720
March	7,992	310	100	258	15,850
April	2,362	202	37	78.7	4,690
May	2,901	181	36	93.6	5,750
June	3,015	195	48	101	5,980
July	3,256	170	56	105	6,460
August	3,387	184	67	109	6,720
September	3,391	142	92	113	6,730
October	7,477	395	105	241	14,830
November	12,734	544	260	424	25,260
December	5,520	260	100	178	10,950
Calendar year 1981	66,297	544	36	182	131,500

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

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

Drainage area.--112 sq mi.

Average discharge.--7 years (1963-69) 11.5 ft³/s (8,330 acre-ft per year) prior to completion of Azotea tunnel; 12 years (1970-81) 129 ft³/s (93,460 acre-ft per year) subsequent to completion of Azotea tunnel.

Extremes.--1962-81: Maximum discharge, 1,600 ft³/s Aug. 11, 1967 (gage height, 3.88 ft); no flow at times prior to 1971.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	4.14	0.19	0.10	0.13	8.2
February	6.17	.45	.08	.22	12
March	27.76	1.9	.40	.90	55
April	5,468.45	410	.67	182	10,850
May	8,923	818	75	288	17,700
June	9,801	700	63	327	19,440
July	1,967.6	232	8.6	63.5	3,900
August	634.1	92	1.9	20.5	1,260
September	561.0	91	1.3	18.7	1,110
October	40.28	14	.16	1.30	80
November	7.31	.56	.12	.24	14
December	4.57	.24	.04	.15	9.1
Calendar year 1981	27,445.38	818	.04	75.2	54,440

STREAMFLOW

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

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

Drainage area.--45 sq mi, approximately.

Average discharge.--11 years (1963-73) 1.10 ft³/s (797 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1963-81: Maximum discharge, 3,960 ft³/s July 30, 1968 (gage height, 4.9 ft); no flow most of time.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-
May	1.94	0.28	-	-	-
June	11.27	1.8	0	0.065	3.8
July	.38	.13	0	.36	22
August	.01	.01	0	.013	.8
September	.47	.17	0	0	.02
October	0	0	0	.015	.9
November	1.67	1.2	0	0	0
December	-	-	0	.054	3.3
Calendar year 1981	-	-	-	-	-

Willow Creek below Heron Dam, N. Mex.

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

Drainage area.--193 sq mi.

Average discharge.--11 years (1971-81) 92.9 ft³/s (67,310 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1971-81: Maximum daily discharge, 2,220 ft³/s Dec. 12, 1973; no flow at times.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	-	-	-	-	-
February	2,613	521	0	84.3	5,180
March	177	25	0	6.32	351
April	479	28	0	15.5	950
May	479	111	0	16.0	950
June	1,096	250	0	35.4	2,170
July	900	250	0	30.0	1,790
August	7,379	1,070	0	238	14,640
September	6,396	1,230	0	206	12,690
October	1,003	335	0	33.4	1,990
November	510	164	0	16.5	1,010
December	543	180	0	18.1	1,080
Calendar year 1981	12,775	2,130	0	412	25,340
Calendar year 1981	34,350	2,130	0	94.1	68,130

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Rio Chama below El Vado Dam, N. Mex.

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

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

Average discharge.--4 years (1914, 1921-23), 444 ft³/s (321,700 acre-ft per year) prior to completion of El Vado Dam; 35 years (1936-70), 372 ft³/s (269,500 acre-ft per year), prior to release of transmountain water; 11 years (1971-81) 389 ft³/s (281,800 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1914-16, 1920-24, 1936-81: Maximum discharge observed, 9,000 ft³/s May 22, 1920 (gage height, 12 ft); no flow Mar. 25, 26, 31, 1955.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	3,730	563	16	120	7,400
February	1,618	86	26	57.8	3,210
March	2,558	112	45	82.5	5,070
April	8,013	846	68	267	15,890
May	17,406	1,170	179	561	34,520
June	22,172	1,240	256	739	43,980
July	14,952	1,150	43	482	29,660
August	8,155	1,010	33	263	16,180
September	2,758	425	40	91.9	5,470
October	3,973	381	43	128	7,880
November	2,326	229	40	77.5	4,610
December	4,105	343	24	132	8,140
Calendar year 1981	91,766	1,240	16	251	182,000

Rio Chama below Abiquiu Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 36°14'12", long 106°24'59", in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 8, T. 23 N., R. 5 E., on right bank 0.8 mile downstream from Abiquiu Dam and 5.9 miles northwest of Abiquiu. Altitude of gage is 6,040 ft (from river-profile map and topographic map).

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

Average discharge.--9 years (1962-70), 376 ft³/s (272,400 acre-feet per year), prior to release of transmountain water; 11 years (1971-81), 442 ft³/s (320,200 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1961-81: Maximum discharge, 2,990 ft³/s July 1, 1965 (gage height, 6.69 ft); minimum, about 0.5 ft³/s Mar. 17, 1966.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	4,725	642	18	152	9,370
February	2,053	104	28	73.3	4,070
March	3,102	139	66	100	6,150
April	9,189	997	49	306	18,230
May	18,011	1,400	189	581	35,720
June	22,677	1,190	299	756	44,980
July	15,903	1,190	45	513	31,540
August	10,194	995	47	329	20,220
September	3,853	433	43	128	7,640
October	4,414	358	46	142	8,760
November	2,506	242	23	83.5	4,970
December	4,103	381	13	132	8,140
Calendar year 1981	100,730	1,400	13	276	199,800

STREAMFLOW

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

Location.--Totalizing flowmeters, lat 35°50'46", long 105°54'17", in NE¼SW¼ sec. 29, T.19 N., R.10 E., in Nambé Indian Reservation, in outlet conduits at Nambé Falls Dam, 300 feet upstream from Nambé Falls, 2.6 miles upstream from confluence of Rio Nambé and Rio En Medio, 4.4 miles southeast of Nambé Pueblo, and 5.4 miles southeast of Nambé.

Drainage area.--34.1 sq mi.

Extremes.--1979-81: Maximum discharge, 312 ft³/s June 9, 1979 (gage height, 1.96 feet), at site 1,100 feet downstream; minimum daily discharge, 0.13 ft³/s May 3, 1981.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	15.35	0.61	0.43	0.50	30
February	14.54	.61	.43	.52	29
March	15.57	.51	.50	.50	31
April	48.12	8.8	.24	1.60	95
May	306.53	12	.13	9.89	608
June	366.5	15	7.0	12.2	727
July	487.0	29	6.0	15.7	966
August	135.57	21	.66	4.37	269
September	212.8	16	5.5	7.09	422
October	129.00	5.4	.50	4.16	256
November	79.40	6.7	.50	2.65	157
December	26.94	2.5	.48	.87	53
Calendar year 1981	1,837.32	29	0.13	5.03	3,640

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

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

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

Average discharge.--82 years (1896-1905, 1910-81) 1,492 ft³/s (1,081,000 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1895-1905, 1910-81: Maximum discharge, 24,400 ft³/s May 23, 1920 (gage height, 14.1 ft); minimum daily, 60 ft³/s July 4, 5, 1902.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	21,331	1,220	500	688	42,310
February	16,529	708	510	590	32,790
March	19,573	682	473	631	38,820
April	18,166	1,330	254	606	36,030
May	25,816	1,950	387	833	51,210
June	28,668	1,360	444	956	56,860
July	22,774	1,340	288	735	45,170
August	19,905	1,300	246	642	39,480
September	12,439	958	272	415	24,670
October	17,480	826	319	564	34,670
November	22,185	891	527	740	44,000
December	18,026	840	412	581	35,750
Calendar year 1981	242,892	1,950	246	665	481,800

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Santa Fe River near Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder and concrete control, lat 35°41'12", long 105°50'35", in NE¼SE¼ sec. 23, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., 0.4 mile downstream from McClure Dam, and 5.3 miles east of Santa Fe. Altitude of gage is 7,718 ft. Prior to Nov. 4, 1930, at site 1.5 miles downstream, and Apr. 11, 1931 to Sept. 30, 1947, at site 0.3 mile upstream, each at different datum.

Drainage area.--18.2 sq mi.

Average discharge.--69 years (1913-81), 7.87 ft³/s (5,700 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1913-81: Maximum discharge, 1,500 ft³/s Aug. 14, 1921; minimum daily, 0.1 ft³/s 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	119.19	8.3	0.67	3.84	236
February	18.55	.67	.60	.66	37
March	17.37	.60	.40	.56	34
April	7.05	.42	.14	.24	14
May	140.02	5.7	.16	4.52	278
June	228.0	13	1.1	7.60	452
July	32.90	1.2	.98	1.06	65
August	96.1	5.7	1.0	3.10	191
September	173.1	7.3	4.6	5.77	343
October	157.09	7.1	.42	5.07	312
November	25.85	1.2	.66	.86	51
December	56.7	2.2	1.2	1.83	112
Calendar year 1981	1,071.92	13	0.14	2.94	2,130

Rio Grande below Cochiti Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°37'05", long 106°19'24", in SW¼NE¼ sec. 17, T. 16 N., R. 6 E., in Pueblo de Cochiti Grant, 320 feet upstream from bridge on State Highway 22, 700 feet downstream from Cochiti Dam, and 1.4 miles northeast of Cochiti Pueblo. Datum of gage is 5,226.08 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to Nov. 14, 1973, at site 2.4 mi downstream at altitude 5,210 ft. Nov. 14, 1973 to Jan. 8, 1976, at site 320 ft downstream at datum 1.79 ft lower.

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

Average discharge.--11 years (1971-81) 1,124 ft³/s (814,300 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1971-81: Maximum discharge, 10,300 ft³/s July 26, 1971, at site 2.4 miles downstream prior to closure of Cochiti Dam; minimum discharge, 0.51 ft³/s Aug. 3-5, 1977, Aug. 27-28, 1978.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	22,628	1,460	459	730	44,880
February	16,174	1,170	192	578	32,080
March	14,944	979	48	482	29,640
April	14,715	887	52	491	29,190
May	19,668	1,710	194	634	39,010
June	22,178	1,110	246	739	43,990
July	16,714	1,000	125	539	33,150
August	13,850	1,070	37	447	27,470
September	7,136	851	87	236	14,150
October	11,474	677	114	370	22,760
November	21,278	870	497	709	42,200
December	17,746	793	373	572	35,200
Calendar year 1981	198,505	1,710	37	544	393,700

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Galisteo Creek below Galisteo Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°27'56", long 106°12'57", in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 5, T. 14 N., R. 7 E., 0.6 mile downstream from Galisteo Dam, and 5.5 miles northwest of Cerrillos. Altitude of gage is 5,450 ft.

Drainage area.--597 sq mi.

Average discharge.--11 years (1971-81), 6.72 ft³/s (4,870 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1970-81: Maximum discharge, 2,000 ft³/s July 27, 1971 (gage height, 7.00 ft); maximum gage height, 7.33 ft July 20, 1971; no flow many days each year.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January					
February	0	0			
March	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0
June	135.00	80	0	0	0
July	772.65	550	0	4.35	268
August	1,302.25	435	0	25.8	1,530
September	1,036.62	430	0	42.0	2,580
October	224.16	60	0	33.4	2,060
November	895.60	760	0	7.47	445
December	0	0	0	28.9	1,780
	25.08	0	0	0	0
Calendar year 1981	4,391.36	760	0	.81	50
				12.0	8,710

Jemez River below Jemez Canyon Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°23'24", long 106°32'03", in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 5, T. 13 N., R. 4 E., 0.8 mile downstream from Jemez Canyon Dam, 2.0 miles upstream from mouth, and 6 miles north of Bernalillo. Datum of gage is 5,095.60 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to April 24, 1951, at site three-quarters of a mile upstream at datum 24.51 ft higher. April 24, 1951 to June 25, 1958, at site 37 ft upstream at datum 4.40 ft higher.

Drainage area.--1,038 sq mi.

Average discharge.--39 years (1937, 1944-81), 55.7 ft³/s (40,350 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1937, 1944-81: Maximum discharge, 16,300 ft³/s Aug. 29, 1943 (gage height, 5.62 ft); no flow at times.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January					
February	615	50	13	19.8	1,220
March	419	43	10	15.0	831
April	426.16	32	.70	13.7	845
May	3,000	260	14	100	5,950
June	2,083	358	19	67.2	4,130
July	404.60	62	.90	13.5	803
August	696.73	93	56	22.5	1,380
September	119.95	52	0	3.87	238
October	612.14	185	0	20.4	1,210
November	966.55	394	.14	31.2	1,920
December	206.65	18	.30	6.89	410
	504.6	25	9.7	16.3	1,000
Calendar year 1981	10,054.38	394	0	27.5	19,940

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Rio Grande below Elephant Butte Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 33°08'54", long 107°12'22", in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 25, T. 13 S., R. 4 W., (projected) in Pedro Armendariz Grant, 1.0 mile downstream from dam and 1.5 miles upstream from Cuchillo Negro River. Datum of gage is 4,242.09 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Prior to April 23, 1942, at several different sites and datums.

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

Average discharge.--67 years (1915-81), 974 ft³/s (705,700 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1915-81: Maximum daily discharge, 8,220 ft³/s May 22, 1942; no flow at times prior to 1929 and March 2-4, 1979.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	25,562	1,430	22	825	50,700
February	27,064	1,450	25	967	53,680
March	565.6	92	6.0	18.2	1,120
April	44,400	1,520	1,400	1,480	88,070
May	63,860	2,290	1,450	2,060	126,700
June	55,560	1,890	1,540	1,852	110,200
July	40,186	1,470	685	1,296	79,710
August	18,047	739	328	582	35,800
September	13,416	2,090	14	447	26,610
October	465	20	11	15.0	922
November	19,764	680	595	659	39,200
December	30,631	1,300	676	988	60,760
Calendar year 1981	339,520.6	2,290	6.0	930	673,400

Rio Grande below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 32°53'05", long 107°17'31", in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 30, T. 16 S., R. 4 W., 2,000 ft upstream from Interstate Highway 25, 4,200 ft downstream from Caballo Dam, 1.3 miles upstream from Percha diversion dam, and 3 miles northeast of Arrey. Datum of gage is 4,140.9 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. October 13, 1938 to December 31, 1945, at datum 5.0 ft higher.

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

Average discharge.--44 years (1938-81) 851 ft³/s (616,500 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1938-81: Maximum daily discharge, 7,650 ft³/s May 20, 1942; minimum daily, 0.1 ft³/s Oct. 31 to Nov. 14, 1954, Nov. 7 to Dec. 31, 1955, Feb. 15-29, 1972.

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

Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	50.2	1.8	1.5	1.6	100
February	9393.8	1,156	1.6	335	18,630
March	43,771	1,994	773	1,412	86,820
April	39,953	1,657	983	1,332	79,250
May	45,378	2,066	560	1,464	90,010
June	54,031	2,265	1,220	1,801	107,170
July	54,441	2,199	1,084	1,756	107,980
August	40,464	1,997	665	1,305	80,260
September	19,029.4	2,248	2.4	634	37,740
October	33.8	1.9	.9	1.1	67
November	29.3	1.1	.7	1.0	58
December	40.8	1.8	.7	1.3	81
Calendar year 1981	306,615.3	2,265	0.7	840	608,166

STREAMFLOW

Bonito ditch below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.

Records available.--January 1938 to December 1981. Published as supplementary data with Rio Grande below Caballo Dam in U.S.G.S. Water-Supply Papers and Water-Data Reports beginning with October 1947.

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

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	-	-	-	-	35
March	-	-	-	-	284
April	-	-	-	-	88
May	-	-	-	-	102
June	-	-	-	-	347
July	-	-	-	-	262
August	-	-	-	-	132
September	-	-	-	-	108
October	-	-	-	-	0
November	-	-	-	-	0
December	-	-	-	-	0
Calendar year 1981	-	-	-	-	1,358

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

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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Cal.yr.
Gage height	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	-
Contents	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	-
Change	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. Storage omitted from accounting by action of Commission on Feb. 15, 1962.

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

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Cal.yr.
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	-
Contents	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	-
Change	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. Storage omitted from accounting by action of Commission on Feb. 15, 1962.

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

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Cal.yr.
Gage height	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contents	257	257	257	257	257	257	217	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	-40	-217	0	0	0	0	-257

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

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

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in Contents
December 31, 1980	7,170.98		
January 31, 1981	7,169.81	317,650	-
February 28	7,169.67	311,650	-6,000
March 31	7,169.49	310,940	-710
April 30	7,171.24	310,020	-920
May 31	7,174.01	319,000	+8,980
June 30	7,177.00	333,520	+14,520
July 31	7,174.93	349,620	+16,100
August 31	7,172.78	338,430	-11,190
September 30	7,172.30	327,030	-11,400
October 31	7,171.87	324,510	-2,520
November 30	7,171.45	322,270	-2,240
December 31	7,166.34	294,250	-2,180
Calendar year 1981			-25,840
			-23,400

El Vado Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder and surface follower, lat 36°35'39", long 106°44'00", on Rio Chama. Storage began in January 1935. Capacity, 196,500 acre-ft at gage height 6,902.0 feet (crest of spillway); dead storage, 1,060 acre-ft, below gage height 6,775.0 ft (invert of outlet works), as determined by survey in 1966. Datum of gage is 8.21 feet above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Storage includes both Rio Grande and transmountain water.

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents	TM Water
December 31, 1980	6,870.39			
January 31, 1981	6,870.35	107,860	-	
February 28	6,870.34	107,770	-90	57,940
March 31	6,870.34	107,750	-20	57,890
April 30	6,877.32	107,750	0	57,810
May 31	6,877.26	124,070	+16,320	57,730
June 30	6,862.91	123,920	-150	55,480
July 31	6,856.07	92,340	-31,580	54,010
August 31	6,856.01	79,590	-12,750	24,660
September 30	6,855.72	79,480	-110	12,160
October 31	6,855.85	78,970	-510	12,100
November 30	6,855.94	79,200	+230	12,140
December 31	6,866.20	79,360	+160	12,130
Calendar year 1981		98,930	+19,570	12,110
			-8,930	31,450

Abiquiu Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder, lat 36°14'24", long 106°25'44", on Rio Chama. Completed in February 1963; capacity, 1,212,000 acre-ft at elevation 6,350 feet (crest of spillway). Reservoir is operated by Corps of Engineers for flood control and sediment storage. A resolution granting permission to store transmountain waters was approved by Rio Grande Compact Commission on May 3, 1974. Storage includes both Rio Grande and transmountain water.

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents	TM water
December 31, 1980	6,164.48			
January 31, 1981	6,164.60	40,320	-	
February 28	6,164.40	40,510	+190	40,320
March 31	6,164.31	40,190	-320	40,290
April 30	6,163.76	40,040	-150	40,120
May 31	6,163.39	39,150	-890	39,880
June 30	6,162.80	38,550	-600	39,200
July 31	6,162.30	37,620	-930	38,550
August 31	6,162.19	36,840	-780	37,550
September 30	6,161.75	36,660	-180	36,890
October 31	6,161.53	35,980	-680	36,330
November 30	6,161.39	35,650	-330	36,080
December 31	6,161.33	35,440	-210	35,780
Calendar year 1981		35,340	-100	35,530
			-4,980	35,400

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(Completed or enlarged since 1929)

Nambe Falls Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 29, T. 19 N., R. 10 E., in Nambe Indian Reservation, on Rio Nambe. Completed in 1976; capacity 2,020 acre-ft at elevation 6,826.6 feet (crest of spillway), dead storage 121 acre-ft at elevation 6,760.9 feet. Storage is transmountain water by exchange (see resolution adopted March 27, 1975).

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1980	6,806.60	1,060	-
January 31, 1981	6,809.12	1,160	+100
February 28	6,811.05	1,250	+90
March 31	6,813.47	1,350	+100
April 30	6,817.86	1,560	+210
May 31	6,813.35	1,350	-210
June 30	6,803.75	961	-389
July 31	6,781.59	387	-574
August 31	6,788.48	530	+143
September 30	6,785.63	467	-63
October 31	6,787.83	515	+48
November 30	6,788.67	534	+19
December 31	6,793.71	658	+124
Calendar year 1981	-	-	-402

McClure (Granite Point) Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 24, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., on Santa Fe River. Original reservoir completed in 1926, capacity, 561 acre-ft; in 1935, permanent flash boards were installed in spillway increasing capacity to 650 acre-ft; in 1947 both dam and spillway were reconstructed increasing capacity to 2,615 acre-ft (gage height, 96.6 ft, crest of spillway). In 1953 spillway was equipped with radial gates that opened automatically, increasing capacity to over 3,000 acre-ft. In 1972, radial gates were removed decreasing capacity to 2,615 acre-ft. No dead storage. Altitude of gage is 7,788 ft. Storage includes both Rio Grande water and transmountain water by exchange. Only the storage of Rio Grande water in excess of 561 acre-feet is subject to terms of Rio Grande Compact.

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Changes in contents	Pre-compact water	TM water
December 31, 1980	69.66	1,040	-	0	1,040
January 31, 1981	65.00	846	-194	8	838
February 28	65.44	863	+17	25	838
March 31	66.41	901	+38	63	838
April 30	71.55	1,120	+219	282	838
May 31	73.26	1,200	+80	362	838
June 30	68.24	977	-223	139	838
July 31	71.38	1,120	+143	282	838
August 31	72.63	1,170	+50	332	838
September 30	68.78	1,000	-170	162	838
October 31	64.90	842	-158	23	819
November 30	65.78	876	+34	57	819
December 31	64.95	844	-32	25	819
Calendar year 1981	-	-	-196	-	-

Nichols Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 21, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., on Santa Fe River. Completed in 1942; capacity, 685 acre-ft at gage height 167.0 feet (crest of spillway), dead storage, 14 acre-ft at gage height 121.1 feet. Datum of gage is 7,313.2 feet above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Water is for municipal use in Santa Fe. Storage includes both Rio Grande water and transmountain water by exchange.

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents	TM water
December 31, 1980	150.87	296	-	296
January 31, 1981	153.31	342	+46	342
February 28	150.60	290	-52	290
March 31	149.02	264	-26	264
April 30	148.90	262	-2	262
May 31	-	220	-42	220
June 30	155.91	396	+176	396
July 31	151.27	303	-93	303
August 31	147.88	246	-57	246
September 30	148.84	261	+15	261
October 31	157.39	430	+169	430
November 30	156.46	409	-21	409
December 31	154.99	375	-34	375
Calendar year 1981	-	-	+79	-

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STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS

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

Cochiti Lake.--Water-stage recorder and manometer in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 16, T. 16 N., R. 6 E., in Pueblo de Cochiti Grant, on Rio Grande. Completed in 1975; capacity 496,600 acre-ft at elevation 5,450.0 ft (crest of service spillway); dead storage 1,480 acre-ft at elevation 5,255.0 ft., from 1978 survey. A 50,000 acre-foot permanent pool was authorized by Public Law 88-293, 88th Congress, March 26, 1964. Reservoir is operated by Corps of Engineers for flood control, sediment storage, and recreation. Storage began Nov. 12, 1973.

Date	Month-end elevation, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet	Change in contents	TM water
	Elevation	Contents	
December 31, 1980	5,322.17	47,080	
January 31, 1981	5,321.50	46,280	
February 28	5,322.39	47,350	-800
March 31	5,322.28	47,220	+1,070
April 30	5,321.26	45,990	-130
May 31	5,321.50	46,280	-1,230
June 30	5,321.59	46,390	+290
July 31	5,321.20	45,920	+110
August 31	5,321.43	46,200	-470
September 30	5,321.47	46,240	+280
October 31	5,321.44	46,210	+40
November 30	5,321.43	46,200	-30
December 31	5,321.47	46,240	-10
Calendar year 1981			+40
			-840

Galisteo Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder and manometer in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 9, T. 14 N., R. 7 E., on Galisteo Creek. Storage records begin in October 1970. Capacity 88,990 acre-ft at elevation 5,608.0 ft (crest of spillway). No dead storage. Reservoir is operated by Corps of Engineers for flood control and sediment storage.

Month	Month-end elevation, in acre-feet												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Cal.yr.
Elevation	-	-	-	-	-	5,505.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contents	0	0	0	0	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change	0	0	0	0	0	+98	-98	0	0	0	0	0	0

San Gregorio Reservoir.--Staff gage in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 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). Storage omitted from accounting by action of Commission in April, 1957. No record available of storage during 1981.

Jemez Canyon Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 32, T. 14 N., R. 4 E., on Jemez River. Completed on 1953; capacity, 176,200 acre-ft at elevation of 5,252.3 ft. Capacity at elevation 5,232.0 ft (crest of spillway), 106,100 acre-ft by 1975 survey. Reservoir is operated by Corps of Engineers for flood control and sediment storage. A sediment pool of about 2,000 acre-ft of transmountain water has been maintained since August 1979.

Date	Month-end elevation, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet			
	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents	TM Water
December 31, 1980	5,158.88	1,680		
January 31, 1981	5,158.86	1,670		
February 28	5,159.65	1,890	-10	1,680
March 31	5,160.82	2,230	+220	1,670
April 30	5,161.46	2,420	+340	1,890
May 31	5,160.32	2,080	+190	2,000
June 30	5,159.45	1,830	-340	2,240
July 31	5,159.49	1,840	-250	2,080
August 31	5,159.75	1,910	+10	1,830
September 30	5,159.97	1,980	+70	1,840
October 31	5,159.97	1,980	+70	1,910
November 30	5,160.13	2,020	0	1,970
December 31	5,159.50	1,840	+40	1,980
Calendar year 1981			-180	2,000
			+160	1,840

Comita Reservoir.--Staff gage in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 29, T. 10 N., R. 7 W., on San Fidel Arroyo; water for reservoir is diverted from Rio San Jose. Completed in 1938; original capacity, 850 acre-ft; present capacity 650 acre-ft on basis of 1956 sediment survey. Water is used for irrigation on Acoma and Laguna Indian Reservations.

Month	Month-end contents, in acre-feet												
	Jan. a620	Feb. a600	Mar. a580	Apr. 550	May 480	June 480	July 480	Aug. 480	Sept. 480	Oct. 480	Nov. 550	Dec. 600	Cal.yr.
Change	-30	-20	-20	-30	-70	0	0	0	0	0	+70	+50	-50
Estimated													

Laguna Reservoir.--In sec. 36, T. 10 N., R. 7 W., off channel from Rio San Jose. Completed in October 1980; capacity approximately 400 acre-ft. Water is used for irrigation on Laguna Indian Reservation. No record available of storage during 1981.

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(Project storage)

Elephant Butte Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 30, T. 13 S., R. 3 W., on Rio Grande. Storage began Jan. 6, 1915; capacity, 2,110,300 acre-ft at gage height 4,407.0 ft (crest of spillway), by survey of 1980. Datum of gage is 43.3 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. Water is used for power development and irrigation in New Mexico and Texas. Records furnished by Bureau of Reclamation. Delivery of transmountain water for minimum recreation pool was initiated in December 1975. Beginning Jan. 1, 1977 gage readings are midnight readings.

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents	TM water
December 31, 1980	4,377.69	al,206,220	-	
January 31, 1981	4,377.65	1,205,230	-990	48,040
February 28	4,376.78	1,183,900	-21,330	52,920
March 31	4,377.49	1,201,290	+17,390	52,650
April 30	4,373.92	1,115,830	-85,460	52,250
May 31	4,368.28	990,710	-125,120	51,660
June 30	4,362.46	872,790	-117,920	51,020
July 31	4,358.54	799,460	-73,330	50,180
August 31	4,356.66	765,880	-33,580	49,760
September 30	4,355.98	753,990	-11,890	49,360
October 31	4,356.21	758,000	+4,010	49,050
November 30	4,355.50	745,670	-12,330	48,750
December 31	4,354.31	725,320	-20,350	48,530
Calendar year 1981	-	-	-480,900	-

a Computed on basis of revised capacity table put into use Jan. 1, 1981.

Caballo Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 19, T. 16 S., R. 4 W., 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. Beginning Jan. 1, 1977, gage readings are midnight readings.

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1980	4,150.48	83,170	-
January 31, 1981	4,158.43	130,670	+47,500
February 28	4,161.96	155,960	+25,290
March 31	4,147.32	68,240	-87,720
April 30	4,147.29	68,100	-140
May 31	4,152.77	95,240	+27,140
June 30	4,152.90	95,960	+720
July 31	4,147.08	67,170	-28,790
August 31	4,133.07	21,320	-45,850
September 30	4,129.07	12,940	-8,380
October 31	4,130.83	16,380	+3,440
November 30	4,145.16	59,030	+42,650
December 31	4,155.06	108,610	+49,580
Calendar year 1981	-	-	+25,440

Project Storage.--This is the combined usable storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs. Total Project storage capacity is 2,354,300 acre-ft which excludes the 100,000 acre-ft reserved for flood control in Caballo Reservoir.

Month-end contents, in acre-feet

Date	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1980	1,241,400	-
January 31, 1981	1,283,000	+41,600
February 28	1,287,200	+4,200
March 31	1,217,200	-70,000
April 30	1,132,300	-84,900
May 31	1,034,900	-97,400
June 30	918,600	-116,300
July 31	816,900	-101,700
August 31	737,800	-79,100
September 30	717,800	-20,000
October 31	725,600	+7,800
November 30	756,100	+30,500
December 31	780,900	+24,800
Calendar year 1981	-	-460,500

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

TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Imported quantities, in acre-feet, 1981

Month	Pine River- Weminuche Pass ditch	Weminuche Pass ditch	Williams Creek- Squaw Pass ditch	Tabor ditch	Don La Font ditches	Treasure Pass diversion ditch	Azotea tunnel
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
May	108	0	0	35	0	0	10
June	182	511	0	123	0	2	11,010
July	71	1,091	0	201	0	17	17,620
August	0	378	0	175	134	202	19,490
September	0	0	0	136	42	12	3,840
October	0	0	0	0	35	0	940
November	0	0	0	0	3	0	960
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Cal. year	361	1,980	0	670	214	233	53,900

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EVAPORATION AND PRECIPITATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jemez 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.

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.

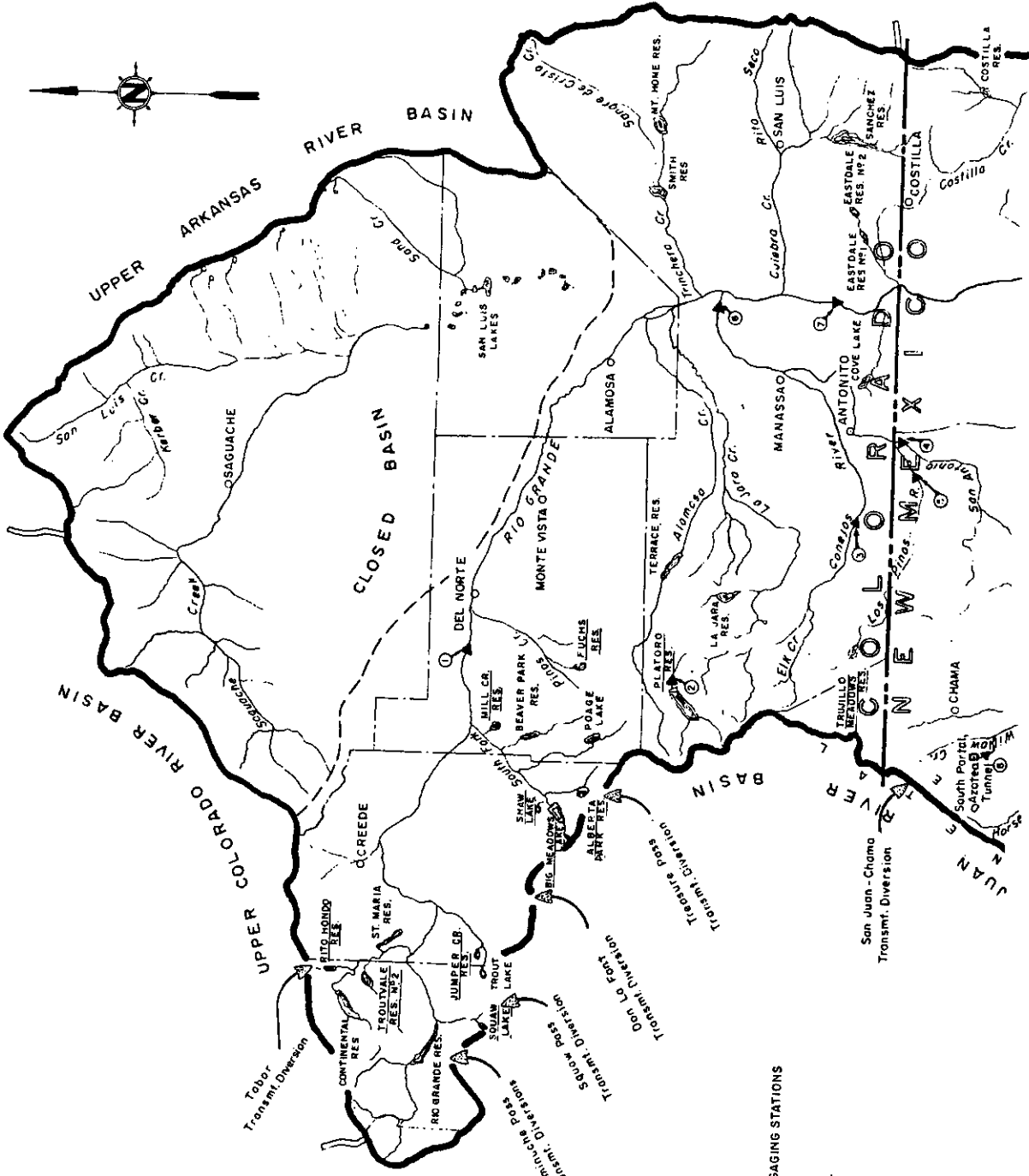
Caballo Dam.--Lat 32°54', long 107°18', in Sierra County at Caballo Dam, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 4,190 ft.

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 3,881 ft.

EVAPORATION AND PRECIPITATION
1981

Evaporation and precipitation, in inches

Station		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
Alamosa Airport	Evap.	-	-	-	8.23	8.40	11.13	8.28	7.30	5.68	-	-	-	-
	Precip.	T	.13	.62	.01	.99	.95	1.43	1.94	1.40	.34	.78	.33	8.92
Platoro Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	-	4.55	7.93	5.25	3.81	3.12	2.39	-	-	-
	Precip.	-	-	-	-	2.70	1.25	4.53	3.94	2.66	5.95	-	-	-
El Vado Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	6.40	7.50	10.22	8.26	6.85	5.29	3.58	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.25	.17	1.40	.64	2.13	1.54	1.92	3.94	.85	1.52	.24	.13	14.73
Abiquiu Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	8.42	9.32	13.04	10.78	8.94	6.17	4.86	3.38	-	-
	Precip.	0.11	.05	.91	.43	1.22	.89	2.06	1.57	2.26	.79	.24	.04	10.57
Nambe Falls Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	6.15	7.93	10.46	10.47	8.20	5.18	-	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.22	.02	.97	.97	1.25	.61	1.82	1.12	.98	.96	.36	.10	9.38
Cochiti Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	10.45	11.20	15.89	13.13	10.33	8.54	6.12	4.25	-	-
	Precip.	0.10	T	.57	.96	1.21	1.36	1.85	1.10	1.26	.89	.36	0	9.66
Jemez Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	10.50	12.98	16.62	13.71	11.59	10.25	7.06	6.07	-	-
	Precip.	0	.21	.26	.47	1.79	.52	2.69	1.23	.58	1.06	.30	0	9.11
Elephant Butte Dam	Evap.	2.68	5.53	8.60	12.52	15.57	17.63	13.16	11.77	9.01	8.05	5.03	3.81	113.36
	Precip.	0.81	.02	.25	.41	1.66	.06	2.82	2.30	1.73	1.12	.27	.04	11.49
Caballo Dam	Evap.	3.70	5.71	6.86	10.75	-	13.45	-	-	7.44	8.99	6.01	4.28	-
	Precip.	1.03	.30	0	.23	.86	2.73	1.73	1.32	.38	.63	.90	.02	10.13
State Univer.	Evap.	2.52	4.50	6.80	9.24	12.45	12.90	11.83	10.26	7.22	6.34	4.73	3.82	92.61
	Precip.	0.58	.03	.44	.86	.68	.84	.91	2.66	1.20	.82	.65	.01	9.68



LEGEND

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

EXPLANATION

RIO GRANDE COMPACT STREAM GAGING STATIONS

- ① Rio Grande near Del Norte
- ② Conejos River below Platoro Res.
- ③ Conejos River near Monte
- ④ San Antonio River at Ortiz
- ⑤ Los Pinos River near Ortiz
- ⑥ Conejos River near La Soucas
- ⑦ Rio Grande near Lobatos
- ⑧ Azotea Tunnel at South Portal

