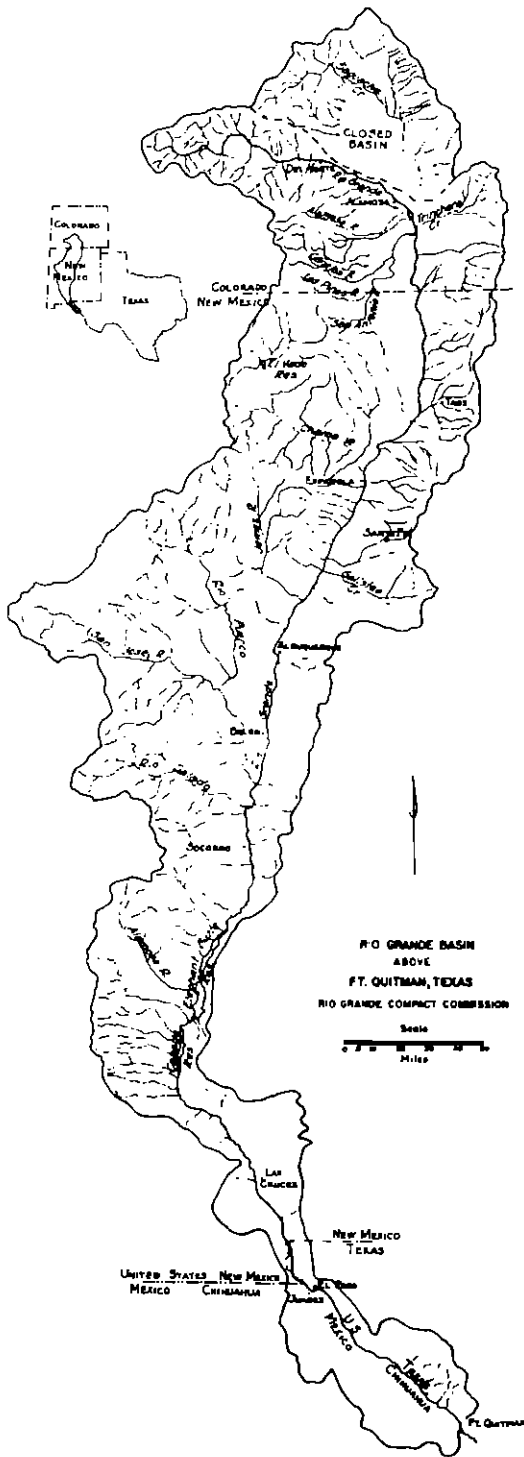


REPORT  
of the  
RIO GRANDE COMPACT  
COMMISSION

1985



TO THE GOVERNORS OF  
Colorado, New Mexico and Texas



RIO GRANDE BASIN  
 ABOVE  
 FT. QUITMAN, TEXAS  
 RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION



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# RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION

COLORADO

TEXAS

NEW MEXICO

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

March 27, 1986

The Honorable Toney Anaya  
Governor of the State of New Mexico  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Honorable Mark White  
Governor of the State of Texas  
Austin, Texas

Sirs:

The 47th Annual Meeting of the Rio Grande Compact Commission was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on March 27, 1986.

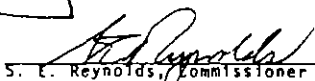
The Commission reviewed its prior reports and the current reports of the Secretary relative to streamflow at Compact gaging stations and storage in reservoirs. In its July 2, 1985 report to the Governors the Commission found that actual spill of usable water from Project Storage had occurred on June 13, 1985, pursuant to the May 13, 1985 agreement of the Commissioners. Accordingly, all accrued debits of Colorado and New Mexico were cancelled pursuant to Article VI of the Rio Grande Compact. Article VI also provides that no annual credits nor annual debits shall be computed in any calendar year in which actual spill occurs. Accordingly, no such computations were made for 1985.

In addition, the Commission found that:

- (a) Deliveries of water at the Colorado-New Mexico state line by Colorado amounted to 377,100 acre-feet in 1985 and the scheduled delivery for the year was 781,600 acre-feet. The gain in storage in 1985 in reservoirs in Colorado constructed after 1937 aggregated 13,000 acre-feet.
- (b) Deliveries of water into Elephant Butte Reservoir, as measured by the Elephant Butte Effective Supply, amounted to 1,291,800 acre-feet in 1985 and the scheduled delivery for the year was 1,764,100 acre-feet. The gain in storage in 1985 in reservoirs in New Mexico above San Marcial constructed after 1929 aggregated 313,600 acre-feet.
- (c) Releases of usable water in 1985 from Project Storage amounted to 670,200 acre-feet. Actual spill of usable water from Project Storage aggregated 7,800 acre-feet in July, 1985, subsequent to the occurrence of actual spill.
- (d) Expenses of the administration of the Rio Grande Compact were \$93,171 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985. The United States bore \$39,120 of this total; the balance of \$54,051 was borne equally by the three States party to the Compact.

Respectfully,

  
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Jervis A. Danielson, Commissioner for Colorado

  
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S. E. Reynolds, Commissioner for New Mexico

  
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Jesse B. Glimmer, Commissioner for Texas

## RIO GRANDE COMPACT

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

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

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

## ARTICLE I

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE II

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE III

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

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

## DISCHARGE OF CONEJOS RIVER

Quantities in thousands of acre feet

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

Intermediate quantities shall be computed by proportional parts.

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

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

## DISCHARGE OF RIO GRANDE EXCLUSIVE OF CONEJOS RIVER

Quantities in thousands of acre feet

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



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

Quantities in thousands of acre feet

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

Intermediate quantities shall be computed by proportional parts.

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE IV

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

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

Quantities in thousands of acre feet

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

Intermediate quantities shall be computed by proportional parts.

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

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE V

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

#### ARTICLE VI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE VII

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

#### ARTICLE VIII

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

#### ARTICLE IX

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

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

#### ARTICLE X

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

#### ARTICLE XI

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

#### ARTICLE XII

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

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE XIII

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

#### ARTICLE XIV

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

## ARTICLE XV

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

## ARTICLE XVI

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

## ARTICLE XVII

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

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



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

(Sgd.) M. C. HINDERLIDER

(Sgd.) THOMAS M. McCLURE

(Sgd.) FRANK B. CLAYTON

APPROVED:

(Sgd.) S. O. HARPER

RATIFIED BY:

Colorado, February 21, 1939

New Mexico, March 1, 1939

Texas, March 1, 1939

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

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

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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved:

The Commission finds as follows:

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

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

Be it Further Resolved:

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

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

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

Quantities in thousands of acre-feet

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

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

Quantities in thousands of acre-feet

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

Intermediate quantities shall be computed by proportional parts.

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

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

Be it Further Resolved:

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

Be it Further Resolved:

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

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

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

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

#### GAGING STATIONS 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### RESERVOIR CAPACITIES /1

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

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

#### ACTUAL SPILL /2

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL RELEASES 3

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

#### EVAPORATION LOSSES 4, 5, 6

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

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

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

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

6 Amended June 2, 1959.



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

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

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

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

#### ADJUSTMENT OF RECORDS

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

#### NEW OR INCREASED DEPLETIONS

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

#### TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS

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

## QUALITY OF WATER

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

SECRETARY 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COSTS /1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEETING OF COMMISSION 1, 8

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

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

(Signed) M. C. HINDERLIDER

M. C. Hinderlider  
Commissioner for Colorado

(Signed) THOMAS M. McCLURE

Thomas M. McClure  
Commissioner for New Mexico

(Signed) JULIAN P. HARRISON

Julian P. Harrison  
Commissioner for Texas

Adopted December 19, 1939.

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

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

## RECORDS OF DELIVERIES AND RELEASES

At the annual meeting of the Compact Commission on March 27, 1986 the records of deliveries and releases for calendar year 1985 were reported. The records and computations as approved by the Commission are reproduced on the next three pages. In its July 2, 1985 report to the Governors, the Commission found that actual spill of usable water from Project Storage had occurred on June 13, 1985, pursuant to the May 13, 1985 agreement of the Commissioners. Pursuant to the resolution of the Commission adopted at the Special Meeting held July 2, 1985, the San Juan/Chama project water stored in Elephant Butte Reservoir was transferred to Abiquiu Reservoir. Thus, no loss of San Juan/Chama water occurred as a result of spill at Elephant Butte Reservoir.

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

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

The actual release from Project Storage during the year was measured at gaging stations below Caballo Dam.



# RIO GRANDE COMPACT DELIVERIES BY NEW MEXICO AT ELEPHANT BUTTE

YEAR 1985

Quantities in Thousands of Acre Feet to Nearest Hundred

MONTH	OTOWI INDEX SUPPLY									Total Water Stored in New Mexico Above San Marcial at End of Month	ELEPHANT BUTTE EFFECTIVE SUPPLY				
	Recorded Flow of Otowi Bridge	ADJUSTMENTS						INDEX SUPPLY			STORAGE IN ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR		Recorded Flow Below Elephant Butte Dam	EFFECTIVE SUPPLY	
		RESERVOIRS LOCATED TO OTOWI						During Month	Accumulated Total		End of Month	Change Gain (+) Loss (-)		During Month	Accumulated Total
		Storage-End of Month	Change in Storage	Reservoir Evaporation	Other Adjustments	Trans-mountain Diversions	Net Adjustment								
		86.9								86.7	1554.3				
JAN	61.1	86.3	-0.4	+0.1		-7.8	-8.1	53.0	53.0	90.3	1559.5	+5.2	49.3	54.5	54.5
FEB	56.7	86.7	+0.2	0		-0.5	-0.3	56.4	109.4	86.5	1547.4	-12.1	63.5	51.4	105.9
MAR	144.2	85.3	-1.4	+0.1		-0.4	-1.7	142.3	251.9	106.5	1606.1	+58.7	68.4	127.1	233.0
APR	381.5	118.3	+33.2	+0.3		-2.8	+30.7	412.2	664.1	157.4	1779.2	+173.1	102.9	276.0	509.0
MAY	515.9	265.8	+147.3	+1.2		0.0	+146.5	664.6	1328.5	441.5	1907.4	+128.2	181.1	309.3	818.3
JUN	385.1	214.4	+48.6	+2.8		0.0	+51.4	436.3	1765.0	567.6	1953.3	+45.9	128.4	174.3	992.6
JUL	92.4	250.6	-63.8	+2.1	+57.7	0.0	-4.0	88.4	1853.4	401.6	1983.4	+30.1	135.9	166.0	1158.6
AUG	66.5	234.2	-16.4	+1.8		+0.1	-14.5	52.0	1905.4	383.0	1892.0	-91.4	103.5	12.1	1170.7
SEPT	62.3	211.4	-22.8	+0.9		+0.2	-21.7	40.6	1946.0	358.6	1846.9	+45.1	57.1	12.0	1182.7
OCT	74.9	211.4	0	+0.2		0.0	-0.1	74.8	2020.6	362.4	1909.4	+62.3	0.1	62.6	1245.3
NOV	75.7	214.2	+2.8	+0.5		0.0	+3.3	79.0	2099.8	395.4	1930.4	+21.0	0.1	21.1	1266.4
DEC	76.9	207.0	-7.2	+0.3		0.0	-7.6	69.3	2169.1	400.3	1955.7	+25.3	0.1	25.4	1291.8
YEAR	1993.2		+120.1	+10.3	+57.7	-12.2	+175.9	2169.1				+401.4	890.4	1291.8	

REMARKS: Storage in recreational reservoirs not included.

- a. Cols. 3, 11 and 12 do not include transmountain water.
- b. New capacity tables for Galisteo and James Res. effective 1/1/85.
- c. S14-0 water by exchange from R.B. Res. (resolution adopted 7/2/85).
- d. Reduction of debits in 1984, if any, pursuant to Article VI were unresolved.
- e. No debits or credits computed pursuant to Article VI.
- f. July 2, 1985 report to the Governors.

### SUMMARY OF DEBITS AND CREDITS

ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	
			Dr	Cr
MM1 Balance at Beginning of Year				c
MM2 Scheduled Delivery at Elephant Butte	1764.1			d
MM3 Actual Elephant Butte Effective Supply		1291.8		d
MM4 Reduction of Debits % Evaporation				d
MM5 Reduction of Credits % Evaporation				d
MM6 Actual April occurred 6/13/85 <sup>e</sup>				-0.0
MM7				
MM8 Balance at End of Year				-0.0

# RIO GRANDE COMPACT RELEASE AND SPILL FROM PROJECT STORAGE

Year 1985

Quantities in Thousands of Acre Feet to Nearest Hundred

MONTH	TOTAL PROJECT STORAGE CAPACITY AVAILABLE AT END OF MONTH	USABLE WATER IN STORAGE			UNFILLED CAPACITY OF PROJECT STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	CREDIT WATER IN STORAGE			FLOOD WATER IN STORAGE IN CABALLO RESERVOIR AT END OF MONTH	TOTAL WATER IN PROJECT STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	RIO GRANDE BELOW CABALLO DAM								
		ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR	CABALLO RESERVOIR	TOTAL AT END OF MONTH		COLORADO CREDIT WATER	NEW MEXICO CREDIT WATER	TOTAL AT END OF MONTH			MEASURED FLOW AT CABALLO GAGING STATION	RECAPTURED DIVERSIONS TO CARRIES	TOTAL RELEASE AND SPILL	SPILL FROM STORAGE			USABLE RELEASE		
														CABALLO FLOOD WATER	CREDIT WATER	USABLE WATER	NET DURING MONTH	ACCUMULATED TOTAL	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	2341.8	1554.3	40.4	1594.7	747.1	0	0	0	0	1594.7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
JAN	2341.8	1559.5	89.1	1648.6	693.2	0	0	0	0	1648.6	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.1
FEB	2341.8	1547.4	140.6	1688.0	653.8	0	0	0	0	1688.0	5.7	0	5.7	0	0	0	0	5.7	5.8
MAR	2341.8	1606.1	128.2	1734.3	607.5	0	0	0	0	1734.3	75.7	0.2	75.9	0	0	0	0	75.9	81.7
APR	2341.8	1779.2	145.2	1924.4	417.4	0	0	0	0	1924.4	80.0	0.1	80.1	0	0	0	0	80.1	161.8
MAY	2341.8	1907.4	222.2	2129.6	212.2	0	0	0	0	2129.6	95.9	0.1	96.0	0	0	0	0	96.0	257.8
JUN	2341.8	1953.3	227.7	2181.0	160.8	0	0	0	0	2181.0	112.2	0	112.2	0	0	0	0	112.2	370.0
JUL	2341.8	1983.4	235.6	2219.0	122.8	0	0	0	0	2219.0	120.7	0.1	120.8	0	0	7.8	113.0	483.0	
AUG	2341.8	1892.0	235.2	2127.2	214.6	0	0	0	0	2127.2	98.6	0.1	98.7	0	0	0	0	98.7	581.7
SEPT	2341.8	1846.9	224.6	2071.5	270.3	0	0	0	0	2071.5	66.5	0	66.5	0	0	0	0	66.5	648.2
OCT	2341.8	1909.4	211.2	2121.6	220.2	0	0	0	0	2121.6	19.4	0	19.4	0	0	0	0	19.4	667.6
NOV	2341.8	1930.4	208.7	2139.1	202.7	0	0	0	0	2139.1	1.5	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	1.5	669.1
DEC	2341.8	1955.7	207.7	2163.4	178.4	0	0	0	0	2163.4	1.1	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	1.1	670.2
YEAR	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	677.4	0.6	678.0	0	0	7.8	670.2	---	

REMARKS: Exclusive of transmountain water in recreation pool.

Cols. 2 and 6 do not include 100,000 acre-feet of Caballo Reservoir capacity, pursuant to U.S. Bureau of Reclamation letter of May 9, 1985.

a See minutes of meeting February 13, 1968.

b See the letter to the Governor dated July 2, 1985; accrued credit cancelled pursuant to Article I(q).

### ACCUMULATED DEBIT FROM NORMAL RELEASE

ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
P1 Accrued Debit at Beginning of Year	---	---	Cr 0
P2 Actual Releases during Year	---	---	0
P3 Normal Releases for Year	---	790	0
P4 Actual Evaporation from Elephant Butte Reservoir	---	---	0
P5 Evaporation Loss of No Accrued Debit	---	---	0
P6 Actual spill occurred 6-13-85 <sup>b</sup>	---	---	0
P7 Accrued Debit at End of Year	---	---	0

TIME OF HYPOTHETICAL SPILL

RECORDS OF DELIVERIES AND RELEASES



## RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT

COST OF OPERATION FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1985

ITEM	TOTAL COST	BORNE BY UNITED STATES	BORNE BY		TEXAS
			COLORADO	NEW MEXICO	
GAGING STATIONS					
In Colorado	\$26,510	\$13,255	\$13,255	-	-
In New Mexico, above Caballo Reservoir	31,300	20,935	-	\$12,365	-
In New Mexico, Caballo Reservoir and below	15,035	890	-	890	\$13,255
Subtotals:	<u>\$74,945</u>	<u>\$35,080</u>	<u>\$13,255</u>	<u>\$13,255</u>	<u>\$13,255</u>
ADMINISTRATION					
USGS Contract	\$16,160	\$ 4,040	\$ 4,040	\$ 4,040	\$ 4,040
Other expense	2,166	-	722	722	722
Subtotals:	<u>18,326</u>	<u>\$ 4,040</u>	<u>\$ 4,762</u>	<u>\$ 4,762</u>	<u>\$ 4,762</u>
GRAND TOTALS:	\$93,171	\$39,120	\$18,017	\$18,017	\$18,017
EQUAL SHARES OF STATES:	-	-	\$18,017	\$18,017	\$18,017
CASH ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN STATES:	-	-	0	0	0

## BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1987

ITEM	TOTAL COST	BORNE BY UNITED STATES	BORNE BY		TEXAS
			COLORADO	NEW MEXICO	
GAGING STATIONS					
In Colorado	\$28,560	\$14,280	\$14,280	-	-
In New Mexico, above Caballo Reservoir	35,470	22,150	-	\$13,320	-
In New Mexico, Caballo Reservoir and below	16,200	960	-	960	\$14,280
Subtotals:	<u>\$80,230</u>	<u>\$37,390</u>	<u>\$14,280</u>	<u>\$14,280</u>	<u>\$14,280</u>
ADMINISTRATION					
USGS Contract	\$17,480	\$ 4,370	\$ 4,370	\$ 4,370	\$ 4,370
Other expense	3,300	-	1,100	1,100	1,100
Subtotals:	<u>\$20,780</u>	<u>\$ 4,370</u>	<u>\$ 5,470</u>	<u>\$ 5,470</u>	<u>\$ 5,470</u>
GRAND TOTALS:	\$101,010	\$41,760	\$19,750	\$19,750	\$19,750
EQUAL SHARES OF STATES:	-	-	\$19,750	\$19,750	\$19,750
CASH ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN STATES:	-	-	0	0	0

This report was prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey. The water-supply data contained in this report have been provided by various Federal and State Agencies.

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

Rio Grande near Del Norte, Colo.  
 Conejos River below Platoro Reservoir, Colo.  
 Conejos River near Mogote, Colo.  
 San Antonio River at Ortiz, Colo.  
 Los Pinos River near Ortiz, Colo.  
 Conejos River near Los Sauces, 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 provided by the office of the State Engineer of Colorado.

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

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

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

Rio Chama below El Vado Dam, N. Mex.  
 Rio Grande at Otowi Bridge, near San Ildefonso, N. Mex.  
 Storage in McClure Reservoir near Santa Fe, N. Mex.  
 Santa Fe River near Santa Fe, N. Mex.  
 Storage in Nichols Reservoir near Santa Fe, N. Mex.  
 Rio Chama below Abiquiu Dam, N. Mex.  
 Rio Grande below Cochiti Dam, N. Mex.  
 Galisteo Creek below Galisteo Dam, N. Mex.  
 Jemez River below Jemez Canyon Dam, N. Mex.

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

## 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 7,900.25 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.--96 years (1890-1985), 903 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (654,200 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1889-1985: Maximum discharge, 18,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Oct. 5, 1911 (gage height, 6.80 ft), from rating curve extended above 12,900 ft<sup>3</sup>/s; minimum daily, 69 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	6,930	250	190	224	13,750
February	5,935	250	170	212	11,770
March	0,859	390	220	286	17,570
April	34,015	2,080	295	1,134	67,470
May	112,700	6,210	1,430	3,635	223,500
June	169,080	8,710	2,950	5,636	335,400
July	66,260	2,820	1,400	2,137	131,400
August	32,030	1,900	500	1,033	63,530
September	21,793	1,520	378	726	43,230
October	23,698	911	635	764	47,000
November	19,281	1,140	340	643	38,240
December	8,863	384	230	286	17,580
Calendar year 1985	509,444	8,710	170	1,396	1,010,400

## 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.--33 years (1953-85), 92.1 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (66,730 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1952-85: Maximum discharge, 1,160 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Nov. 1, 1957; maximum gage height, 4.29 ft June 15, 1953; 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	273.0	24	2.0	8.81	541
February	178.0	17	2.0	6.36	353
March	472.0	86	1.0	15.2	936
April	5,997.0	840	5.0	200	11,900
May	8,779	744	13	283	17,410
June	11,992	984	12	400	23,790
July	10,438	944	88	337	20,700
August	2,517	310	19	81.2	4,990
September	2,185	255	19	72.8	4,330
October	1,769	115	19	57.7	3,550
November	1,571	81	32	52.4	3,120
December	1,550	50	50	50.0	3,070
Calendar year 1985	47,741.0	984	2.0	131	94,690

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## Conejos River near Mogote, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 37°03'14", long 106°11'13", in SE¼SE¼ 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.--75 years (1904, 1912-85), 332 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (240,500 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1903-05, 1911-85: Maximum discharge, 9,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Oct. 5, 1911 (gage height, 8.50 ft), from rating curve extended above 3,100 ft<sup>3</sup>/s; minimum daily determined, 10 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	2,006	80	58	64.7	3,980
February	1,403	56	48	50.1	2,780
March	2,984	177	51	96.3	5,920
April	22,699	1,330	114	757	45,020
May	46,400	2,010	775	1,497	92,030
June	61,630	2,610	1,670	2,054	122,200
July	26,044	1,730	316	840	51,660
August	7,674	665	103	248	15,220
September	5,599	507	93	187	11,110
October	5,818	296	136	188	11,540
November	3,945	161	116	132	7,820
December	3,480	131	96	112	6,900
Calendar year 1985	189,682	2,610	48	520	376,200

## San Antonio River at Ortiz, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 36°59'35", long 106°02'17", in New Mexico in NE¼SE¼, 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.--45 years (1941-85), 25.8 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (18,690 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1920, 1925-85: Maximum discharge, 1,750 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Apr. 15, 1937 (gage height, 5.38 ft), from rating curve extended above 1,100 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	139.5	5.5	3.0	4.50	277
February	115.0	6.0	2.5	4.11	228
March	1,559.0	170	6.0	50.3	3,090
April	8,167	479	17	272	16,200
May	8,646	692	78	279	17,150
June	799.8	78	4.0	26.7	1,590
July	72.45	7.0	.50	2.34	144
August	35.40	6.2	.00	1.14	70
September	83.00	15	.00	2.77	165
October	247.9	23	2.5	8.00	492
November	194.7	9.0	3.6	6.49	386
December	169.0	8.5	4.0	5.45	335
Calendar year 1985	20,228.75	692	.00	55.4	40,120

## 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.--67 years (1915-20, 1925-85), 121 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (87,660 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1915-20, 1925-85: Maximum discharge, 3,160 ft<sup>3</sup>/s May 12, 1941 (gage height, 5.77 ft, site and datum then in use), from rating curve extended above 1,600 ft<sup>3</sup>/s; minimum observed, 4.0 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	744	32	18	24.0	1,480
February	531	24	15	19.0	1,050
March	1,510	84	20	48.7	3,000
April	13,398	1,100	40	447	26,570
May	33,634	1,730	480	1,085	66,710
June	19,146	984	228	638	37,980
July	3,828	215	56	123	7,590
August	1,678	130	23	54.1	3,330
September	1,210	98	18	40.3	2,400
October	2,334	123	36	75.3	4,630
November	959	59	17	32.0	1,900
December	850	30	20	27.4	1,690
Calendar year 1985	79,822	1,730	15	219	158,300

## Conejos River near Los Sauces, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorders lat 37°18'01", long 105°44'47", in secs. 7 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 Lasauces. 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.--64 years (1922-85), 188 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (136,200 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1921-85: Maximum discharge, 3,890 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	2,958	140	78	95.4	5,870
February	2,636	118	69	94.1	5,230
March	6,076	504	119	196	12,050
April	31,615	1,840	209	1,054	62,710
May	43,745	2,010	794	1,411	86,770
June	46,430	1,870	1,350	1,548	92,090
July	10,181	1,310	106	328	20,190
August	2,993.7	316	4.7	96.6	5,940
September	920.1	134	3.9	30.7	1,830
October	2,475	110	38	79.8	4,910
November	3,131	176	68	104	6,210
December	4,339	169	111	140	8,610
Calendar year 1985	157,499.8	2,010	3.9	432	312,400

## 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 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (598,400 acre-ft per year); 55 years (1931-85) 434 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (314,400 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1899-1985: Maximum discharge observed, 13,200 ft<sup>3</sup>/s June 8, 1905, (gage height, 9.1 ft), from rating curve extended above 8,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	10,585	410	295	341	21,000
February	9,500	460	245	339	18,840
March	20,532	1,110	450	662	40,730
April	69,775	3,770	664	2,326	138,400
May	114,810	5,520	2,330	3,704	227,700
June	132,530	6,080	2,850	4,418	262,900
July	22,471	2,470	310	725	44,570
August	9,055	706	69	292	17,960
September	4,168	380	40	139	8,270
October	9,132	385	160	295	18,110
November	21,967	1,340	355	732	43,570
December	17,668	760	285	570	35,040
Calendar year 1985	442,193	6,080	40	1,211	877,100

## 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 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (8,330 acre-ft per year) prior to completion of Azotea tunnel; 16 years (1970-85), 142 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (102,900 acre-ft per year) subsequent to completion of Azotea tunnel.

Extremes.--1962-85: Maximum discharge, 1,610 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Mar. 12, 1985 (gage height, 6.65 ft); no flow at times prior to 1971.

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

## Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	89.60	8.2	1.7	2.89	178
February	324.20	40	1.7	11.6	643
March	6,223	1,170	15	201	12,340
April	22,550	1,056	239	752	44,730
May	23,765	1,097	375	767	47,140
June	3,246	393	21	108	6,440
July	1,379.6	144	3.2	44.5	2,740
August	78.50	19	.06	2.53	156
September	35.49	19	.05	1.18	70
October	116.28	55	.24	3.75	231
November	64.45	18	.29	2.15	128
December	51.82	5.8	.56	1.67	103
Calendar year 1985	57,923.94	1,170	.05	159	114,900

## 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 7,186.85 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 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (797 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1963-85: Maximum discharge, 3,960 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	1,120.5	174	5.5	36.2	2,220
April	795.0	130	9.0	26.5	1,580
May	373.5	36	7.2	12.0	741
June	196.8	8.1	5.4	6.56	390
July	177.8	11	1.3	5.74	353
August	123.1	12	2.9	3.97	244
September	119.5	9.2	2.9	3.98	237
October	176.6	31	3.5	5.70	350
November	148.6	15	3.4	4.95	295
December	127.8	5.4	3.4	4.12	253
Calendar year 1985	-	-	-	-	-

## 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.--15 years (1971-85) 108 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (78,250 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1971-85: Maximum daily discharge, 2,780 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Dec. 18,19, 1982; no flow at times each year.

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

## Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	8,292	326	63	267	16,450
February	8,064	391	61	288	15,990
March	18,311	2,164	77	591	36,360
April	5,687.00	794	.00	196	11,680
May	2,199.00	726	.00	70.9	4,360
Jun	296.00	25	.00	9.87	587
July	475.00	109	.00	15.3	942
August	263.00	92	.00	8.48	522
September	0	.00	.00	.00	0
October	312.00	35	.00	10.1	619
November	445.81	100	.00	14.9	884
December	434.00	118	.00	14.0	861
Calendar year 1985	44,998.81	2,164	.00	123	89,250



## 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 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (321,700 acre-ft per year) prior to completion of El Vado Dam; 35 years (1936-70), 372 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (269,500 acre-ft per year), prior to release of transmountain water; 15 years (1971-85) 461 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (334,000 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1914-16, 1920-24, 1936-85: Maximum discharge observed, 9,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	11,990	438	320	387	23,780
February	12,115	609	385	433	24,030
March	29,836	1,280	445	962	59,180
April	56,286	3,270	314	1,876	111,600
May	105,780	5,650	2,310	3,412	209,800
June	22,003	2,360	134	767	45,630
July	3,912	164	90	126	7,760
August	4,674	513	66	151	9,270
September	3,322	338	41	111	6,590
October	8,901	675	125	287	17,660
November	5,288	214	147	176	10,490
December	5,688	226	156	183	11,280
Calendar year 1985	270,795	5,650	41	742	537,100

## Rio Chama below Abiquiu Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 36°14'12", long 106°24'59", in SE¼SE¼ 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 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (272,400 acre-feet per year), prior to release of transmountain water; 15 years (1971-85), 497 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (360,100 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1961-85: Maximum discharge, 2,990 ft<sup>3</sup>/s July 1, 1965 (gage height, 6.69 ft); minimum, about 0.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Mar. 17, 1966, Jan. 28, 1972.

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

## Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	6,824	383	77	220	13,540
February	7,385	939	18	264	14,650
March	32,432	1,830	318	1,046	64,330
April	56,820	2,320	258	1,894	112,700
May	46,247	2,660	331	1,492	91,730
June	15,637	967	254	521	31,020
July	10,498	648	91	339	20,820
August	13,032	904	77	420	25,850
September	15,317	1,010	102	511	30,380
October	10,141	864	102	327	20,110
November	3,739	234	49	125	7,420
December	7,729	498	49	249	15,330
Calendar year 1985	225,801	2,660	18	619	447,900

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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.--1979-85: Maximum discharge, 312 ft<sup>3</sup>/s June 9, 1979 (gage height, 1.96 feet), at site 1,100 feet downstream; minimum daily discharge, 0.13 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	17.25	.75	.55	.56	34
February	142.0	7.8	3.2	5.07	282
March	540.4	39	3.2	17.4	1,070
April	1,269	77	17	42.3	2,520
May	2,648	101	72	85.4	5,250
June	2,812	112	65	93.7	5,580
July	949	58	16	30.6	1,880
August	504.7	33	2.1	16.3	1,000
September	270.5	32	.50	9.02	537
October	236.8	20	.57	7.64	470
November	271.3	13	6.0	9.04	538
December	182.2	9.0	3.3	5.88	361
Calendar year 1985	9,843.15	112	.50	27.0	19,530

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.--06 years (1896-1905, 1910-85) 1,519 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (1,101,000 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1895-1905, 1910-85: Maximum discharge, 24,400 ft<sup>3</sup>/s May 23, 1920 (gage height, 14.1 ft); minimum daily, 60 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	30,792	1,230	787	993	61,080
February	28,583	1,870	668	1,021	56,690
March	72,720	3,640	1,180	2,346	144,200
April	192,360	9,150	1,650	6,412	381,500
May	260,090	12,000	5,540	8,390	515,900
June	194,130	8,330	4,100	6,471	385,100
July	46,579	3,540	797	1,503	92,390
August	33,524	1,590	536	1,081	66,490
September	31,414	1,530	570	1,047	62,310
October	37,772	2,280	697	1,218	74,920
November	38,166	1,590	966	1,272	75,700
December	38,799	1,480	754	1,252	76,960
Calendar year 1985	1,004,929	12,000	536	2,753	1,993,200

## RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT

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.--73 years (1913-85), 8.05 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (5,830 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1913-85: Maximum discharge, 1,500 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Aug. 14, 1921; minimum, 0.05 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Apr. 7, 8, 1981.

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

## Monthly and yearly discharge, in cubic feet per second

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	63.0	2.1	1.9	2.03	125
February	106.4	9.5	1.9	3.80	211
March	635.8	68	8.0	20.5	1,260
April	1,134	99	13	37.8	2,250
May	1,821	96	31	58.7	3,610
June	1,101	55	15	36.7	2,180
July	278.8	14	2.3	8.99	553
August	392.9	17	2.6	12.7	779
September	361.6	16	9.1	12.1	717
October	119.5	9.6	1.2	3.85	237
November	34.4	1.2	1.1	1.15	68
December	37.8	2.6	1.1	1.22	75
Calendar year 1985	6,086.2	99	1.1	16.7	12,070

## 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.--15 years (1971-85) 1,318 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (954,900 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1971-85: Maximum discharge, 10,300 ft<sup>3</sup>/s July 26, 1971, at site 2.4 miles downstream prior to closure of Cochiti Dam; minimum discharge, 0.51 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	28,451	1,400	154	918	56,430
February	31,329	1,980	694	1,119	62,140
March	67,705	4,400	208	2,184	134,300
April	189,610	7,990	2,700	6,320	376,100
May	185,430	8,290	3,970	5,982	367,800
June	137,940	7,000	3,450	4,598	273,600
July	93,572	4,820	598	3,018	185,600
August	23,354	1,430	291	753	46,320
September	20,955	1,420	371	699	41,560
October	26,746	1,530	192	863	53,050
November	15,552	1,450	90	518	30,850
December	23,625	1,630	84	762	46,860
Calendar year 1985	844,269	8,290	84	2,313	1,674,600

## Galisteo Creek below Galisteo Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°27'56", long 106°12'57", in SE¼SE¼ 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.--15 years (1971-85), 6.51 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (4,720 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1970-85: Maximum discharge, 2,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/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 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	39.94	16	.48	1.29	79
February	42.17	4.8	.28	1.51	84
March	317.2	23	2.1	10.2	629
April	515.4	137	6.2	17.2	1,020
May	983.77	107	.58	31.7	1,950
June	223.79	134	.00	7.46	444
July	441.62	171	.00	14.2	876
August	42.98	15	.00	1.39	85
September	153.00	64	.00	5.10	301
October	871.9	460	1.9	28.1	1,730
November	65.2	2.7	1.7	2.17	129
December	125.5	12	1.1	4.05	249
Calendar year 1985	3,822.47	460	.00	10.5	7,580

## Jemez River below Jemez Canyon Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 35°23'24", long 106°32'03", in NE¼ 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.--43 years (1937, 1944-85), 60.3 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (43,690 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1937, 1944-85: Maximum discharge, 16,300 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	7.81	.58	.15	.25	15
February	9.65	.56	.15	.34	19
March	7,756.18	695	.15	250	15,380
April	21,158.18	1,180	344	772	45,930
May	11,564.3	740	2.0	373	22,940
June	1,999.28	160	.98	66.6	3,970
July	925.5	222	1.1	29.9	1,840
August	1,086.51	276	.00	35.0	2,160
September	2,368.22	650	.00	78.9	4,700
October	1,916.05	319	.10	61.8	3,800
November	589.1	60	1.8	19.6	1,170
December	714.53	61	.30	23.0	1,420
Calendar year 1985	52,095.13	1,180	.00	143	103,300

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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 SW¼ sec. 25, T. 13 S., R. 4 W., (protected) 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.--71 years (1915-85), 974 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (705,700 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1915-85: Maximum daily discharge, 8,220 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	24,860	1,290	15	802	49,310
February	31,991	1,340	42	1,143	63,450
March	34,471	1,400	46	1,112	68,370
April	51,889	2,100	85	1,730	102,900
May	91,280	3,130	2,270	2,945	181,100
June	64,720	2,410	2,040	2,157	128,400
July	68,540	2,780	1,360	2,211	135,900
August	52,173	2,170	47	1,683	103,500
September	28,783.8	2,150	2.8	959	57,090
October	74.6	3.8	1.5	2.41	148
November	42.4	1.8	1.4	1.41	84
December	69.5	2.5	2.1	2.24	138
Calendar year 1985	448,894.3	3,130	1.4	1,230	890,400

## Rio Grande below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 32°53'05", long 107°17'31", in NE¼SW¼ 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 Arroyo. Datum of gage is 4,140.9 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. October 13, 1930 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.--48 years (1938-85) 856 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (620,200 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1938-85: Maximum daily discharge, 7,650 ft<sup>3</sup>/s May 20, 1942; minimum daily, 0.1 ft<sup>3</sup>/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	55.0	2.0	1.0	1.77	109
February	2,856.0	810	1.0	102	5,665
March	38,153	1,818	700	1,231	75,680
April	40,354	1,786	861	1,345	80,040
May	48,357	1,853	1,152	1,560	95,920
June	56,588	2,287	1,486	1,886	112,240
July	60,851	2,293	1,233	1,963	120,700
August	49,721	2,012	1,152	1,604	98,620
September	33,532	1,894	333	1,118	66,510
October	9,770	1,733	34	315	19,380
November	738	34	20	24.6	1,464
December	546	20	15	17.6	1,083
Calendar year 1985	341,521	2,293	1.0	936	677,400

## Bonito ditch below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.

Records available.--January 1938 to December 1985. 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	-	-	-	-	0
March	-	-	-	-	140
April	-	-	-	-	96
May	-	-	-	-	99
June	-	-	-	-	26
July	-	-	-	-	103
August	-	-	-	-	68
September	-	-	-	-	24
October	-	-	-	-	0
November	-	-	-	-	0
December	-	-	-	-	0
Calendar year 1985	-	-	-	-	556









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

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

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in Contents
December 31, 1984	7,179.36	362,600	-
January 31, 1985	7,176.57	347,300	-15,300
February 28	7,174.07	333,800	-13,500
March 31	7,171.03	317,900	-15,900
April 30	7,178.02	355,200	+37,300
May 31	7,185.29	396,600	+41,400
June 30	7,185.96	400,500	+3,900
July 31	7,186.10	401,300	+800
August 31	7,185.69	398,900	-2,400
September 30	7,185.46	397,600	-1,300
October 31	7,185.41	397,300	-300
November 30	7,185.23	396,200	-1,100
December 31	7,185.00	394,800	-1,400
Calendar year 1985	-	-	+32,200

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, 1984	6,877.87	175,400	-	38,600
January 31, 1985	6,877.78	175,200	-200	38,610
February 28	6,877.81	175,300	+100	38,610
March 31	6,880.78	172,900	+7,600	46,470
April 30	6,881.11	173,700	+800	46,410
May 31	6,882.75	178,100	+4,400	46,220
June 30	6,893.61	169,400	+31,300	45,910
July 31	6,895.79	176,200	+6,800	45,700
August 31	6,895.88	176,500	+300	45,540
September 30	6,896.19	177,500	+1,000	45,460
October 31	6,896.15	177,400	-100	45,490
November 30	6,895.94	176,700	-700	45,490
December 31	6,894.77	173,000	-3,700	45,460
Calendar year 1985	-	-	+47,600	-

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, 1984	6,209.63	159,320	-	157,020
January 31, 1985	6,211.63	166,820	+7,500	164,540
February 28	6,214.94	179,520	+12,700	177,090
March 31	6,216.26	184,740	+5,220	183,190
April 30	6,223.90	216,400	+31,660	182,510
May 31	6,252.10	358,600	+142,200	181,700
June 30	6,254.85	374,600	+16,000	180,670
July 31	6,252.39	360,240	-14,360	237,210
August 31	6,249.25	342,350	-17,890	236,090
September 30	6,244.81	317,860	-24,490	235,390
October 31	6,244.83	317,980	+120	235,370
November 30	6,245.40	321,100	+3,120	235,010
December 31	6,244.70	317,300	-3,800	234,790
Calendar year 1985	-	-	+157,980	-

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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 2,023 acre-ft at elevation 6,826.6 feet (crest of spillway), dead storage 121 acre-ft at elevation 6,760.9 feet. Storage is transmountain water by exchange (see resolution adopted March 27, 1975).

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1984	6,820.66	1,700	-
January 31, 1985	6,826.15	2,000	+300
February 28	6,825.26	1,950	-50
March 31	6,826.57	2,020	+70
April 30	6,826.86	2,040	+20
May 31	6,826.89	2,040	0
June 30	6,826.70	2,030	-10
July 31	6,825.52	1,960	-70
August 31	6,819.76	1,650	-310
September 30	6,820.16	1,670	+20
October 31	6,825.85	1,980	+310
November 30	6,825.50	1,960	-20
December 31	6,825.09	1,940	-20
Calendar year 1985	-	-	+240

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 1951 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	Change in contents	Pre-compact water	TM water
December 31, 1984	-	2,120	-	310	1,810
January 31, 1985	95.13	2,530	+410	561	1,810
February 28	96.77	2,640	+110	561	1,810
March 31	96.83	2,650	+10	561	1,810
April 30	97.37	2,680	+30	561	1,810
May 31	97.27	2,680	0	561	1,810
June 30	96.94	2,650	-30	561	1,810
July 31	95.99	2,590	-60	561	1,810
August 31	87.80	2,020	-570	561	1,810
September 30	80.69	1,600	-420	210	1,580
October 31	90.24	2,190	+590	20	1,530
November 30	93.71	2,430	+240	561	1,530
December 31	95.08	2,520	+90	561	1,530
Calendar year 1985	-	-	+400	-	-

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, 1984	161.42	529	-	529
January 31, 1985	156.44	408	-121	393
February 28	157.57	435	+27	315
March 31	167.48	700	+265	315
April 30	168.16	721	+21	315
May 31	167.84	711	-10	315
June 30	167.25	693	-18	315
July 31	161.99	544	-149	315
August 31	161.11	521	-23	315
September 30	164.19	603	+82	315
October 31	165.75	648	+45	315
November 30	160.83	513	-135	315
December 31	155.29	382	-131	315
Calendar year 1985	-	-	-147	-

STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS

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

Cochiti Lake.--Water-stage recorder and manometer in NW¼SW¼ sec. 16, T. 16 N., R. 6 E., in Pueblo de Cochiti Grant, on Rio Grande. Completed in 1975; capacity 505,700 acre-ft at elevation 5,450.0 ft (crest of service spillway); dead storage 732 acre-ft at elevation 5,255.0 ft., from 1901 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, 1984	5,327.55	47,300	-	43,020
January 31, 1985	5,330.55	51,000	+3,700	42,980
February 28	5,327.46	47,190	-3,810	43,230
March 31	5,342.17	67,610	+20,420	43,120
April 30	5,349.95	80,880	+13,270	45,270
May 31	5,394.75	204,520	+123,640	44,910
June 30	5,413.29	281,880	+77,360	44,490
July 31	5,388.00	180,700	-101,180	44,150
August 31	5,387.52	179,080	-1,620	43,840
September 30	5,387.34	178,470	-610	43,640
October 31	5,388.13	181,140	+2,670	43,590
November 30	5,396.55	211,220	+30,080	43,470
December 31	5,399.60	222,980	+11,760	43,410
Calendar year 1985	-	-	+175,680	-

Galisteo Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder and manometer in NW¼ sec. 9, T. 14 N., R. 7 E., on Galisteo Creek. Storage records begin in October 1970. Capacity 80,990 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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

San Gregorio Reservoir.--Staff gage in SW¼NE¼ sec. 20, T. 21 N., R. 1 E. (projected), on Clear Creek tributary to Rio Las Vacas and Jemez River. Completed in October 1958; capacity, 254 acre-ft at elevation 9,408.0 ft (crest of spillway). Storage omitted from accounting by action of Commission in April, 1957.

Month	Month-end contents, in acre-feet												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Cal.yr.
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Jemez Canyon Reservoir.--Water-stage recorder in SW¼SW¼ sec. 32, T. 14 N., R. 4 E., on Jemez River. Completed in 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		Change in contents	TM Water
	Elevation	Contents		
December 31, 1984	5,169.70	6,010	-	5,080
January 31, 1985	5,174.11	6,410	+400	6,410
February 28	5,176.94	8,320	+1,910	8,310
March 31	5,178.60	9,580	+1,260	8,520
April 30	5,185.98	16,410	+6,830	8,340
May 31	5,196.91	29,670	+13,260	8,200
June 30	5,196.85	29,580	-90	8,050
July 31	5,196.12	28,570	-1,010	7,930
August 31	5,195.22	27,350	-1,220	7,780
September 30	5,194.67	26,620	-730	7,700
October 31	5,194.96	27,010	+390	7,670
November 30	5,195.26	27,410	+400	7,630
December 31	5,195.55	27,800	+390	7,610
Calendar year 1985	-	-	+21,790	-

Acomita Reservoir.--Staff gage in SE¼ sec. 29, T. 10 N., R. 7 W., on San Fidel Arroyo; water for reservoir is diverted from Rio San Jose. Completed in 1933; 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.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Cal.yr.
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Scama Reservoir.--In sec. 36, T. 10 N., R. 7 W., off channel from Rio San Jose. Completed in October 1980; capacity approximately 400 acre-ft. Water is used for irrigation on Laguna Indian Reservation. No storage during 1985.

Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in New Mexico  
(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, 1984	4,392.31	1,610,500	-	56,170
January 31, 1985	4,392.60	1,619,500	+9,000	59,930
February 28	4,392.20	1,607,100	-12,400	59,710
March 31	4,394.07	1,665,400	+58,300	59,290
April 30	4,399.33	1,838,000	+172,600	58,750
May 31	4,403.00	1,965,600	+127,600	58,220
June 30	4,404.27	2,010,900	+45,300	57,650
July 31	4,403.50	1,983,400	-27,500	0
August 31	4,400.90	1,892,000	-91,400	0
September 30	4,399.59	1,846,900	-45,100	0
October 31	4,401.40	1,909,400	+62,500	0
November 30	4,402.00	1,930,300	+20,900	0
December 31	4,402.72	1,955,700	+25,400	0
Calendar year 1985	-	-	+345,200	-

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, 331,500 acre-ft (by 1981 resurvey), at gage height 4,182.0 ft (above which spillway gates open automatically). Datum of gage is 43.3 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. 100,000 acre-ft of storage reserved for flood control. Records furnished by Bureau of Reclamation. Beginning Jan. 1, 1977, gage readings are midnight readings.

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1984	4,142.19	40,400	-
January 31, 1985	4,153.31	89,100	+48,700
February 28	4,161.32	140,600	+51,500
March 31	4,159.57	128,200	-12,400
April 30	4,161.95	145,200	+17,000
May 31	4,171.44	222,200	+77,000
June 30	4,172.03	227,700	+5,500
July 31	4,172.88	235,600	+7,900
August 31	4,172.84	235,200	-400
September 30	4,171.70	224,600	-10,600
October 31	4,170.32	212,200	-12,400
November 30	4,169.93	208,700	-3,500
December 31	4,169.81	207,700	-1,000
Calendar year 1985	-	-	+167,300

Project Storage.--The combined usable storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs. Total Project storage capacity is 2,441,800 acre-ft.

Month-end contents, in acre-feet

Date	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1984	1,594,700	-
January 31, 1985	1,648,600	+53,900
February 28	1,688,000	+39,400
March 31	1,734,300	+46,300
April 30	1,924,400	+190,100
May 31	2,129,600	+205,200
June 30	2,181,000	+51,400
July 31	2,219,000	+38,000
August 31	2,127,200	-91,800
September 30	2,071,500	-55,700
October 31	2,121,600	+50,100
November 30	2,139,400	+17,500
December 31	2,163,400	+24,300
Calendar year 1985	-	+568,700

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

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, 1985

Month	Pine River- Weminuche Pass ditch	Weminuche Pass ditch	Williams Creek- Squaw Pass ditch	Tabor ditch	Don La Font ditches	Treasure Pass diversion ditch	Azotea tunnel
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,690
May	0	0	0	188	0	0	45,040
June	284	872	0	788	272	481	6,410
July	286	795	192	198	17	132	2,610
August	126	223	61	134	78	0	35
September	177	198	0	74	78	0	0
October	0	0	0	38	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal. year	873	2,088	253	1,420	445	613	91,790

## 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.
- Heron Dam.--Lat 36°40', long 106°42', in Rio Arriba County about 4 mi. northeast of Heron Dam near Tierra Amarilla, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, maximum and minimum thermometers, and standard 8-inch rain gage at elevation 7,310 ft.
- El Vado Dam.--Lat 36°36', long 106°44', in Rio Arriba County at El Vado Dam near Tierra Amarilla, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 6,750 ft.
- Abiquiu Dam.--Lat 36°14', long 106°26', in Rio Arriba County at Abiquiu Dam near Abiquiu, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 6,380 ft.
- Nambe Falls Dam.--Lat 35°51', long 105°54', in Santa Fe County at Nambe Falls Dam, N. Mex. Standard class A pan, maximum and minimum thermometers, recording thermograph, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 6,840 ft.
- Cochiti Dam.--Lat 35°38', long 106°19', in Sandoval County at operations building, at Cochiti Dam N. Mex. Standard class A pan, anemometer, maximum and minimum thermometers, standard 8-inch and recording rain gages at elevation 5,560 ft.
- Jemez Canyon Dam.--Lat 35°23', long 106°32', in Sandoval County at Jemez 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.

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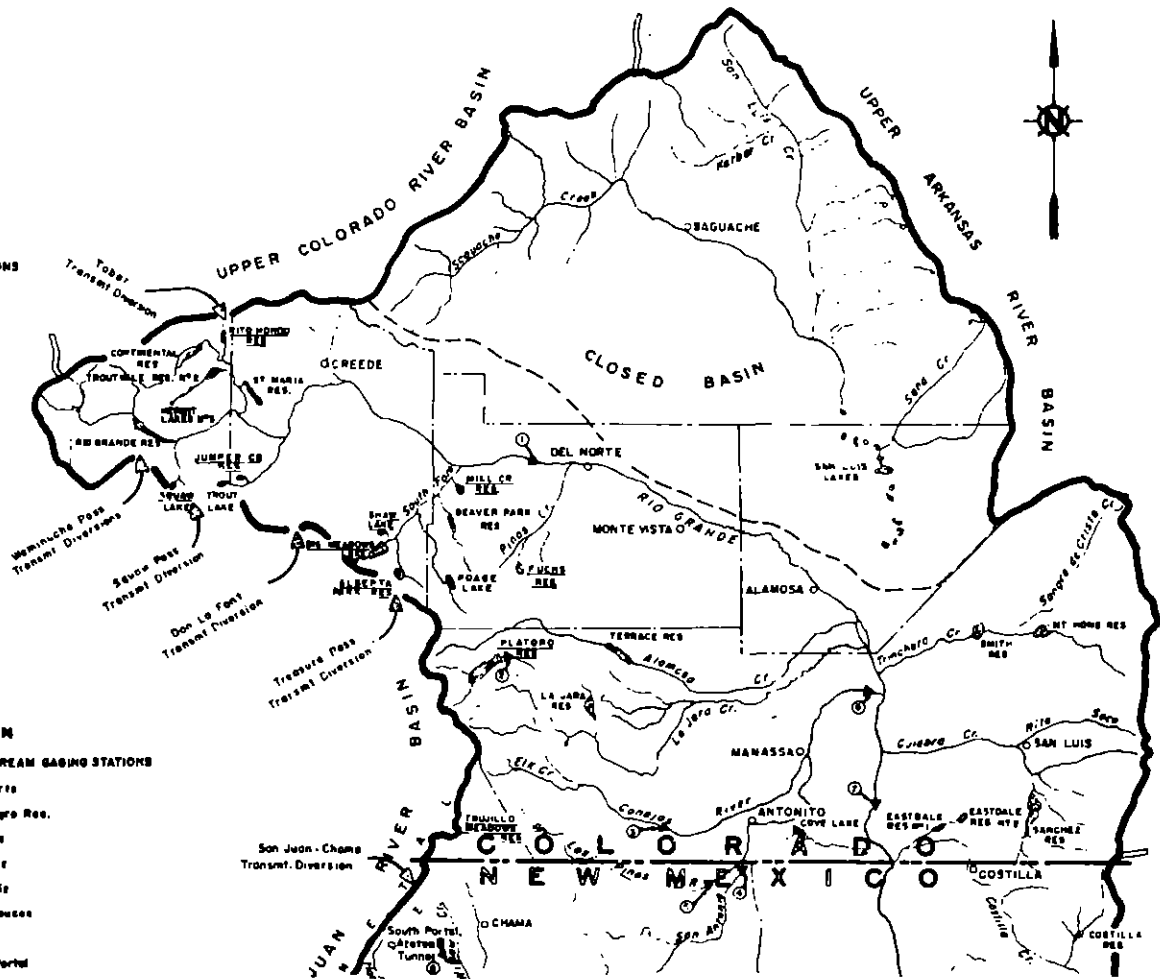
Evaporation and precipitation, in inches

Station		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
Alamosa Airport	Evap.	-	-	-	-	8.44	9.45	8.18	8.03	5.99	-	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.28	0.28	0.44	0.97	0.37	0.47	1.68	0.91	1.33	2.02	0.68	0.37	9.80
Platoro Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	-	-	6.86	5.23	5.53	-	-	-	-	-
	Precip.	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	2.74	2.54	-	-	-	-	-
Heron Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	3.99	5.32	7.35	7.27	6.70	4.39	2.83	-	-	-
	Precip.	1.08	1.14	2.83	2.92	0.72	0.60	2.22	1.31	2.61	2.47	2.22	0.58	20.70
El Vado Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	5.08	5.52	8.56	8.15	7.53	5.26	3.47	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.61	0.96	2.12	2.62	0.66	0.47	1.61	1.84	2.04	3.15	1.43	0.23	17.74
Abiquiu Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	6.50	8.95	11.10	9.29	9.07	6.63	3.10	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.76	0.46	1.14	2.46	1.93	0.85	0.82	1.04	1.65	2.09	0.20	0.13	13.53
Nambe Pallas Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	5.83	7.80	9.70	7.24	8.48	6.60	3.12	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.75	2.00	1.02	3.10	1.45	1.75	1.13	1.27	4.34	3.31	1.04	0.07	21.23
Cochiti Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	7.01	9.97	12.34	12.41	11.99	8.35	5.69	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.61	0.62	2.70	3.45	0.81	0.51	2.31	2.37	1.77	3.11	0.13	0.05	18.44
Jemez Canyon Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	8.84	10.93	13.30	12.68	12.48	9.23	5.96	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.65	0.35	1.21	2.20	0.72	0.57	1.42	0.56	1.99	2.31	0.36	0.10	12.44
Elephant Butte Dam	Evap.	2.03	4.22	8.81	10.92	13.65	16.16	14.98	11.55	10.43	6.23	5.95	2.98	107.91
	Precip.	0.68	0.00	0.64	0.49	0.28	0.19	1.89	1.39	1.70	3.59	0.89	0.05	11.79
Caballo Dam	Evap.	2.93	4.12	7.97	8.63	11.10	12.95	12.25	11.25	8.38	6.38	5.15	3.49	94.60
	Precip.	0.84	0.02	0.75	0.32	0.00	0.10	1.58	3.05	1.46	3.53	0.86	0.36	12.87
State Univer.	Evap.	-	-	6.55	9.33	10.42	12.39	11.82	10.41	7.96	5.40	-	-	-
	Precip.	1.28	0.89	0.09	0.59	0.04	0.14	1.39	2.05	2.68	3.19	0.09	0.12	12.55



### LEGEND

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



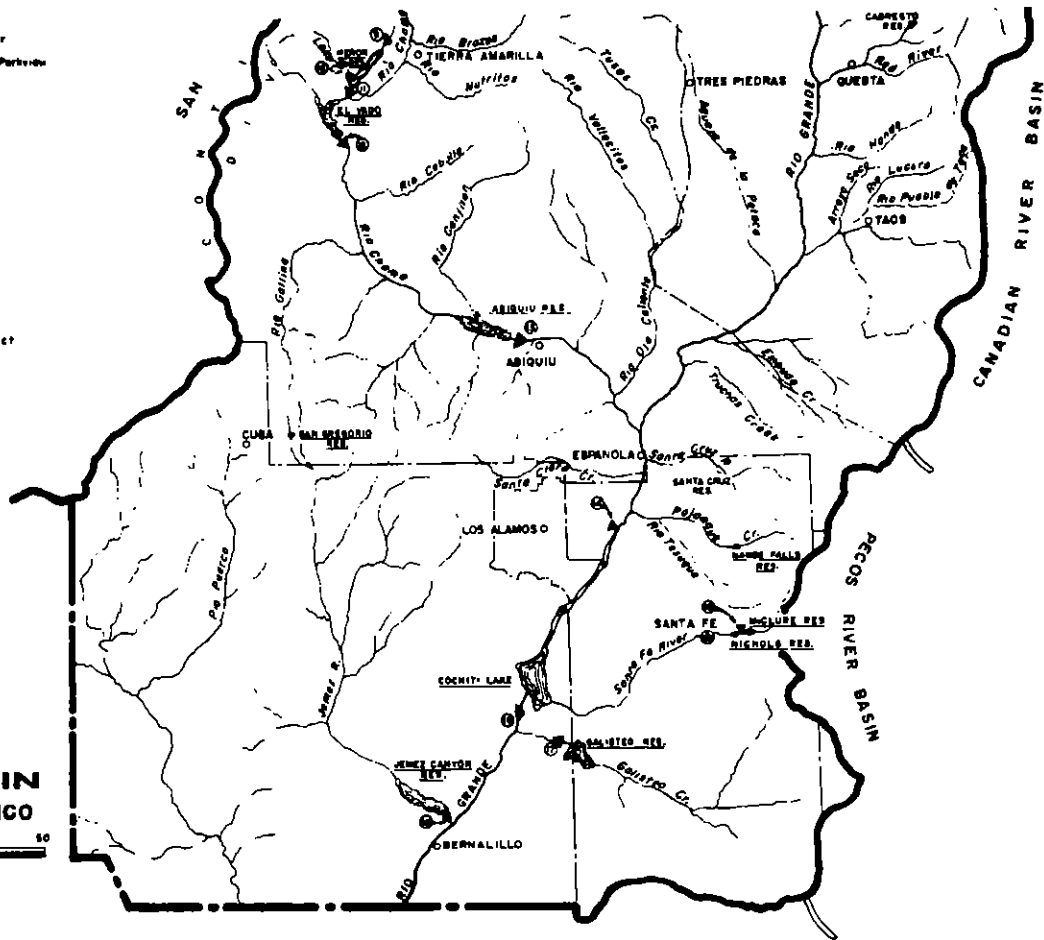
### EXPLANATION

#### RIO GRANDE COMPACT STREAM GAGING STATIONS

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

- ④ Willow Creek above Heron Reservoir
- ⊗ Horse Lake Creek above Heron Reservoir
- ① Willow Creek below Heron Reservoir, near Parkview
- ② Rio Chama below El Vado Dam
- ③ Rio Chama below Abiquiu Dam
- ⑤ Rio Grande at Otowi Bridge
- ⑥ Santa Fe River near Santa Fe
- ⑦ Rio Grande below Cochiti Dam
- ⑧ Galisteo Creek below Galisteo Dam
- ⑨ James River below James Canyon Dam

NOTE: Underlining denotes Reservoirs, capacity of which is all or in part, subject to provisions of the RIO GRANDE COMPACT.



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