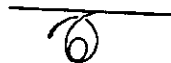


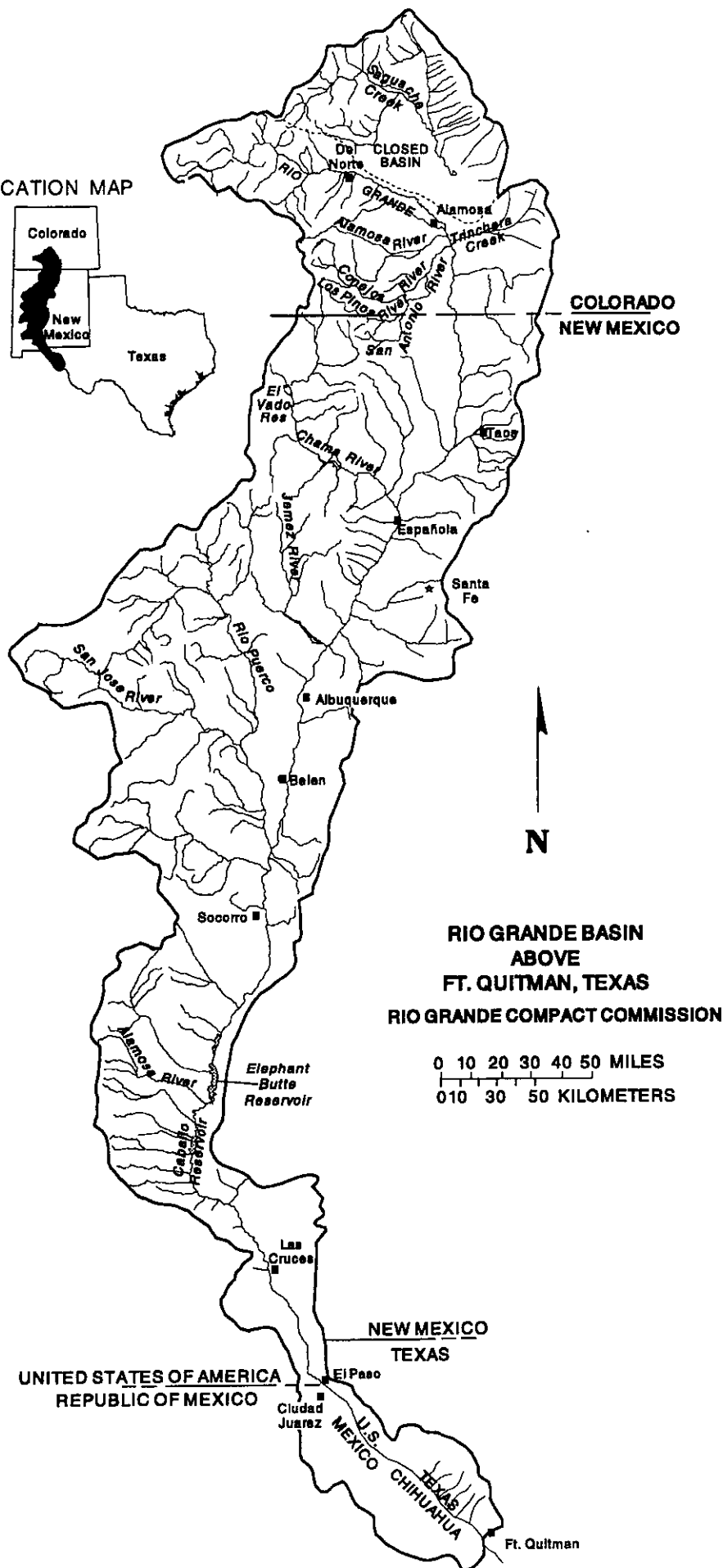
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**REPORT  
of the  
RIO GRANDE COMPACT  
COMMISSION  
1997**



**TO THE GOVERNORS OF  
Colorado, New Mexico and Texas**

LOCATION MAP



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**RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION**  
**COLORADO TEXAS NEW MEXICO**

March 26, 1998

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

The Honorable Gary Johnson  
Governor of the State of New Mexico  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Honorable George Bush, Jr.  
Governor of the State of Texas  
Austin, Texas

Honorable Governors:

The 59th Annual Meeting of the Rio Grande Compact Commission was held in Alamosa, Colorado, on March 26, 1998.

The Commission reviewed its prior reports and the current reports of the Secretary and the Engineer Advisers relative to streamflow at Compact gaging stations and storage in reservoirs in 1997. The Commission agreed that:

- (a) Deliveries of water at the Colorado-New Mexico state line by Colorado amounted to 567,000 acre-feet in 1997 and the scheduled delivery for the year was 566,300 acre-feet.
- (b) Deliveries of water into Elephant Butte Reservoir, as measured by the Elephant Butte Effective Supply, amounted to 969,300 acre-feet in 1997 and the scheduled delivery for the year was 926,000 acre-feet.
- (c) The actual release of Rio Grande Project usable water was 799,900 acre-feet.

Because the Commission could not agree in 1996 on the amount of Project Storage available for the storage of usable water due to the status of flood reservation storage capacity in Elephant Butte Reservoir, which affects the computation of spill, the following determinations reflect each State's current position on accrued credits:

- (1) The New Mexico and Texas Commissioners found that the accrued credit for deliveries by Colorado at the Colorado-New Mexico State Line for 1997 was 2,900 acre-feet on January 1, 1998. The Colorado Commissioner found that the accrued credit for 1997 was 700 acre-feet on January 1, 1998.

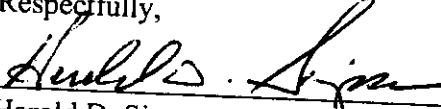
(2) The New Mexico and Texas Commissioners found that the accrued credit for deliveries by New Mexico at Elephant Butte Dam for 1997 was 105,500 acre-feet on January 1, 1998. The Colorado Commissioner found that the accrued credit for 1997 was 43,300 acre-feet on January 1, 1998.

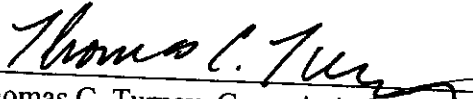
As shown above, the Compact Commissioners were not able to reach agreement on the issue of whether spill occurred in 1996 and therefore the accounting of the debits and credits for 1997 reflect two different positions. The Commissioners for New Mexico and Texas have taken the position that spill did not occur in 1996 and therefore show accrued credits for New Mexico and Colorado to begin 1997. The Commissioner for Colorado has taken the position that spill did occur in 1996 and New Mexico and Colorado had a balance of zero to begin 1997.

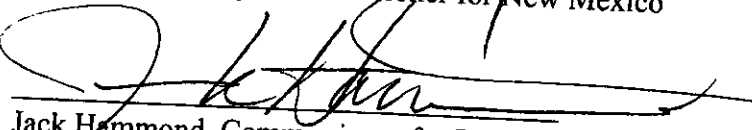
The Compact Commissioners agreed with the Engineer Advisers report that any flood control in Elephant Butte Reservoir can only be maintained at a level above the total physical capacity of Elephant Butte Reservoir at the spillway crest, 2,065,000 acre-feet, pursuant to the latest area-capacity survey.

The Commission reviewed the cost of operation and found that the expenses of the administration of the Rio Grande Compact were \$146,610 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997. The United States bore \$49,842 of this total; the balance of \$96,768 was borne equally by the three States party to the Compact.

Respectfully,

  
Harold D. Simpson, Commissioner for Colorado

  
Thomas C. Turney, Commissioner for New Mexico

  
Jack Hammond, Commissioner for Texas

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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  
For the State of New Mexico  
For the State of Texas

M. C. Hinderlider  
Thomas M. McClure  
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.

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(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.

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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
550	144
600	162



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DISCHARGE OF RIO GRANDE EXCLUSIVE OF CONEJOS RIVER--Con.  
Quantities in thousands of acre feet

Rio Grande at Del Norte (3)	Rio Grande at Lobatos less Conejos at Mouths (4)
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:

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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 trans-mountain 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.)

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ARTICLE V

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

ARTICLE VI

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

In the case of Colorado, no annual debit nor accrued debit shall exceed 100,000 acre feet, except as either or both may be caused by holdover storage of water in reservoirs constructed after 1937 in the drainage basin of the Rio Grande above Lobatos. Within the physical limitations of storage capacity in such reservoirs, Colorado shall retain water in storage at all times to the extent of its accrued debit.

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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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.

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## 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

RESOLUTION

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:



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**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
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



## RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

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").

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RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT  
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF  
THE RIO GRANDE COMPACT

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.

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.

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

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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.

(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.

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

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

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

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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.

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.

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

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

6 Amended June 2, 1959.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 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 adviser 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.

### 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.

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

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

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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.

### 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

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Commissioner for Colorado

(Signed) THOMAS M. McCLURE

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Commissioner for New Mexico

(Signed) JULIAN P. HARRISON

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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.

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## RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT RECORDS OF DELIVERIES AND RELEASES

At the annual meeting of the Compact Commission on March 26, 1998, the records of deliveries and releases and computations of debits and credits for calendar year 1997 were reported. The records and computations as approved by the Commissioner from Colorado are reproduced on pages 21-23. The records and computations as approved by the Commissioners from New Mexico and Texas are reproduced on pages 24-26.

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. During 1997 the New Mexico and Texas Commissioners found that the actual release of usable water was 799,900 acre-feet. The New Mexico and Texas Commissioners determined that no spill of usable water occurred in 1996, and this resulted in an accrued credit of 4,600 acre-feet as of January 1, 1998. The Colorado Commissioner found that the actual release of usable water was 799,900 acre-feet. The Colorado Commissioner determined that a spill of usable water occurred in 1996, resulting in a debit of 9,800 acre-feet computed as of January 1, 1998.



# RIO GRANDE COMPACT - DELIVERIES BY COLORADO AT STATE LINE, SIGNED BY COLORADO YEAR 1997

Quantities in thousands of acre feet to nearest hundred

CONEJOS INDEX SUPPLY											RIO GRANDE INDEX SUPPLY											DELIVERIES			
MONTH	MEASURED FLOW				ADJUSTMENTS				SUPPLY			ADJUSTMENTS				SUPPLY			CONEJOS RIVER AT MOUTHS NEAR LOS SAUCES	RIO GRANDE LESS CONEJOS RIVER	RIO GRANDE AT LOBATOS	ACCUMULATED TOTAL AT LOBATOS			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18					19	20	21
		CONEJOS AT MOGOTE	LOS PINOS NEAR ORTIZ	SAN ANTONIO AT ORTIZ	TOTAL	STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	CHANGE IN STORAGE	OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	NET ADJUSTMENTS	SUPPLY IN MONTH	ACCUMULATED TOTAL	RECORDED FLOW NEAR DEL NORTE	STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	CHANGE IN STORAGE	TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS	OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	NET ADJUSTMENTS	SUPPLY IN MONTH	ACCUMULATED TOTAL						
JAN	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	18.8	0.4		0.4	3.3	3.3	10.1	0.0	0.0			0.0	10.1	10.1	4.4	15.4	19.8	0.0		
FEB	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	19.4	0.2		0.2	2.8	6.2	9.3	0.1	0.1			0.1	9.4	19.5	4.9	15.0	19.9	39.7		
MAR	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	20.1	0.7		0.7	8.9	15.1	22.5	0.2	0.1			0.1	22.6	42.1	14.8	23.9	38.7	76.4		
APR	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	28.2	0.5		0.5	28.7	43.8	44.2	0.2	0.0			0.0	44.2	86.3	12.5	12.5	25.0	103.4		
MAY	67.5	67.5	67.5	67.5	67.5	127.4	25.0	4.4	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	131.8	175.7	205.7	0.2	0.0			0.0	205.7	292.0	51.6	26.7	78.3	181.7		
JUN	80.2	80.2	80.2	80.2	80.2	117.1	42.7	17.7	0.2 <sup>a</sup>	135.0	310.7	261.9	0.2	0.0			0.0	261.9	553.9	53.4	64.6	118.0	299.7		
JUL	34.9	34.9	34.9	34.9	34.9	35.1	-7.6	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	-7.5	31.3	342.0	134.8	0.1	-0.1	-1.7 <sup>b</sup>	0.2 <sup>a</sup>	-1.6	133.2	687.1	8.0	24.3	32.3	332.0		
AUG	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	24.0	-3.5	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	-3.5	20.5	362.5	71.1	0.0	-0.1			-0.1	71.0	758.1	4.6	28.8	33.4	365.4		
SEPT	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	28.2	-2.4	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	-2.3	16.7	378.2	63.9	0.0	0.0			0.0	63.9	822.0	7.4	36.7	44.1	409.5		
OCT	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	24.1	-5.1	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	-5.0	12.5	391.7	76.1	0.0	0.0			0.0	76.1	898.1	8.2	65.8	74.0	483.5		
NOV	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	24.4	0.3		0.3	5.7	397.4	30.6	0.0	0.0			0.0	30.6	928.7	4.7	42.4	47.1	530.6		
DEC	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	24.8	0.5		0.5	4.1	401.5	18.0	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.0			0.0	18.0	946.7	4.8	21.6	26.4	557.0		
YEAR	281.1	281.1	281.1	281.1	281.1	394.8	6.1	0.6	6.7	401.5	401.5	940.2	0.0	0.0	-1.7	0.2	-1.5	946.7	179.3	377.7	557.0	557.0			
SUMMARY OF DEBITS AND CREDITS																									
ITEM		DEBIT		CREDIT		BALANCE																			
C1 Balance at Beginning of Year						0.0																			
C2 Scheduled Delivery from Conejos River		189.3				Dr 189.3																			
C3 Scheduled Delivery from Rio Grande		377.0				Dr 366.3																			
C4 Actual Delivery at Lobatos plus 10,000 Acre Feet				567.0		Cr 0.7																			
C5 Reduction of Debits due to Evaporation																									
C6 Reduction of Credits due to Evaporation																									
C7																									
C8 Balance at End of Year						Cr 0.7																			

Quantities in thousands of acre feet to nearest hundred

Remarks: Col. 6 does not include transmountain water.

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**RIO GRANDE COMPACT - DELIVERIES BY NEW MEXICO AT ELEPHANT BUTTE, SIGNED BY COLORADO**  
**YEAR 1997**

Quantities in thousands of acre feet to nearest hundred

OTOWI INDEX SUPPLY															
MONTH	Recorded Flow at Owl Bridge	ADJUSTMENTS						INDEX SUPPLY		ELEPHANT BUTTE EFFECTIVE SUPPLY					
		Storage End of Month	Change in Storage	Reservoir Evaporation	Other Adjustments	Trans-mountain Diversions	Net Adjustments	During Month	Accumulated Total	Total Water Stored in New Mexico Above San Marcial at End of Month	STORAGE IN ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR		Recorded Flow Below Elephant Butte Dam	Effective Supply	
											Butte Reservoir	Change Gain (+) Loss (-)		Butte Reservoir	Accumulated Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
JAN	43.4	5.2	3.7	0.0	-----	-----	-----	45.7	45.7	5.4	1,718.1	-----	-----	-----	-----
FEB	47.6	8.9	3.3	0.0	-----	-1.4	2.3	45.9	91.6	8.5	1,753.2	35.1	7.0	42.1	42.1
MAR	90.6	12.2	3.3	0.0	-----	-5.0	-1.7	45.9	91.6	12.1	1,731.3	-21.8	65.2	43.3	85.4
APR	83.3	34.3	22.1	0.0	-----	-3.2	18.9	108.5	201.1	35.9	1,684.9	-46.4	90.8	44.4	129.8
MAY	262.8	53.8	19.5	0.2	-----	-1.9	17.8	111.1	312.2	54.9	1,657.3	-27.6	92.0	64.4	194.2
JUN	281.2	125.3	71.5	0.4	-----	1.9	73.7	336.5	648.7	142.6	1,741.4	84.1	91.3	175.4	369.6
JUL	82.4	113.7	-11.6	0.6	-----	0.0	-11.0	250.2	898.9	115.7	1,657.9	116.5	119.1	235.6	605.2
AUG	74.3	103.2	-10.5	0.4	-----	-11.9	-22.0	60.4	959.3	105.3	1,744.4	-113.5	136.5	23.0	628.2
SEPT	87.2	84.6	-8.6	0.3	-----	-1.3	-8.6	64.7	1024.0	96.2	1,706.9	-37.5	85.4	47.9	676.1
OCT	136.8	81.4	-13.2	0.2	-----	-11.4	-24.4	62.8	1086.8	82.5	1,707.8	0.9	51.1	52.0	728.1
NOV	82.2	48.9	-31.5	0.2	-----	-0.1	-31.4	105.4	1192.2	50.8	1,775.1	67.3	23.5	90.8	818.9
DEC	62.2	47.4	-2.5	0.2	-----	-0.4	-2.7	79.5	1271.7	49.2	1,858.7	83.6	0.6	84.2	903.1
YEAR	1324.0	44.4	-3.0	0.1	-----	-1.7	-4.6	57.6	1329.3	45.1	1,924.1	65.4	0.8	66.2	969.3
Remarks: Storage in recreational reservoirs not included.															
Coles, 3, 11, and 12 do not include transmountain water.															
SUMMARY OF DEBITS AND CREDITS															
ITEM															
DEBIT															
CREDIT															
BALANCE															
NM1 Balance at Beginning of Year															
NM2 Scheduled Delivery at Elephant Butte															
NM3 Actual Elephant Butte Effective Supply															
NM4 Reduction of Debits due Evaporation															
NM5 Reduction of Credits due Evaporation															
NM6															
NM7															
NM8 Balance at End of Year															
Cr 43.3															

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

RIO GRANDE BELOW CABALLO DAM																				
USABLE WATER IN STORAGE					CREDIT WATER IN STORAGE					SPILL FROM STORAGE									USABLE RELEASE	
MONTH	Total Project Storage Capacity Available at End of Month	Elephant Butte Reservoir	Caballo Reservoir	Total at End of Month	Unfilled Capacity of Project Storage at End of Month	Colorado Credit Water	New Mexico Credit Water	Total at End of Month	Flood Water in Storage in Caballo Reservoir at End of Month	Total Water in Project Storage at End of Month	Measured Flow at Caballo Gauging Station	Interfering Diversions to Canals	Total Release and Spill	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		
JAN	1,718.1	41.8	1,759.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,759.9	6.5	0.0	6.5					0			
FEB	1,753.2	43.4	1,796.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,796.6	26.4	0.2	26.6					6.5	6.5		
MAR	1,731.3	80.8	1,812.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,812.1	118.6	0.1	118.7					26.6	33.0		
APR	1,684.9	59.8	1,744.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,744.7	79.0	0.1	79.1					118.7	151.7		
MAY	1,657.3	75.8	1,733.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,733.1	87.8	0.2	88.0					79.1	230.8		
JUN	1,741.4	76.0	1,818.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,818.3	127.7	0.2	127.9					88.0	318.8		
JUL	1,857.9	68.3	1,926.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,926.2	131.0	0.1	131.1					127.9	446.7		
AUG	1,744.4	74.4	1,818.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,818.8	110.5	0.1	110.6					131.1	577.8		
SEPT	1,706.9	59.3	1,766.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,766.2	75.2	0.1	75.3					110.6	688.4		
OCT	1,707.8	48.2	1,756.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,756.0	35.8	0.0	35.8					75.3	763.7		
NOV	1,775.1	37.3	1,812.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,812.4	0.2	0.0	0.2					35.8	799.5		
DEC	1,856.7	40.4	1,897.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,897.1	0.1	0.0	0.1					0.2	799.7		
YEAR	1,924.1	43.6	1,967.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,967.7	798.8	1.1	799.9					0.1	799.8		
Remarks: A Determination of project storage capacity not made; see Report of Engineer Advisers.																				
ACCRUED DEBITURE FROM NORMAL RELEASE																				
ITEM DEBIT CREDIT BALANCE																				
P1 Accrued Debiture at Beginning of Year 0																				
P2 Actual Release during Year 799.9 Dr 799.9																				
P3 Normal Release for Year 799.0 Dr 799.0																				
P4 Actual Evaporation from Elephant Butte Reservoir																				
P5 Evaporation Loss if No Accrued Debiture 0.1 Dr 9																				
P6 Calculated spill occurred on February 21, 1966																				
P7 Accrued Debiture at End of Year																				
TIME OF HYPOTHETICAL SPILL: DIS NOT OCCUR																				

CONEJOS INDEX SUPPLY											RIO GRANDE INDEX SUPPLY											DELIVERIES				
MONTH	MEASURED FLOW				ADJUSTMENTS				SUPPLY		ADJUSTMENTS				SUPPLY		CONEJOS RIVER AT MOUTHS NEAR LOS SAUCES	RIO GRANDE LESS CONEJOS RIVER	RIO GRANDE AT LOBATOS	ACCUMULATED TOTAL AT LOBATOS						
	CONEJOS AT MOGOTE	LOS PINOS NEAR ORTIZ	SAN ANTONIO AT ORTIZ	TOTAL	STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	CHANGE IN STORAGE	OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	NET ADJUSTMENTS	SUPPLY IN MONTH	ACCUMULATED TOTAL	RECORDED FLOW NEAR DEL NORTE	STORAGE AT END OF MONTH	CHANGE IN STORAGE	TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS	OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	NET ADJUSTMENTS					SUPPLY IN MONTH	ACCUMULATED TOTAL				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23				
JAN	2.8	---	---	2.9	18.2	0.4	---	0.4	3.3	3.3	10.1	0.0	0.0	---	---	0.0	10.1	10.1	4.4	15.4	19.8	19.8				
FEB	2.7	---	---	2.7	19.4	0.2	---	0.2	2.9	6.2	8.3	0.1	0.1	---	---	0.1	9.4	19.5	4.9	15.0	19.9	39.7				
MAR	0.2	---	---	0.2	20.1	0.7	---	0.7	6.9	15.1	22.5	0.2	0.1	---	---	0.1	22.6	42.1	14.8	23.9	38.7	78.5				
APR	13.4	0.8	5.0	28.2	20.6	0.5	---	0.5	28.7	43.8	44.2	0.2	0.0	---	---	0.0	44.2	88.3	12.5	12.5	25.0	103.5				
MAY	67.5	48.0	11.9	127.4	25.0	4.4	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	4.5	131.9	175.7	205.7	0.2	0.0	---	---	0.0	205.7	292.0	51.6	26.7	78.3	181.7				
JUN	90.2	25.7	1.2	117.1	42.7	17.7	0.2 <sup>a</sup>	17.9	135.0	310.7	261.9	0.2	0.0	---	---	0.0	261.9	553.9	53.4	64.6	118.0	299.7				
JUL	34.9	3.8	0.1	38.8	35.1	-7.6	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	-7.5	31.3	342.0	134.8	0.1	-0.1	-1.7 <sup>b</sup>	0.2 <sup>a</sup>	-1.6	133.2	687.1	8.0	24.3	32.3	332.0				
AUG	20.8	3.0	0.2	24.0	31.6	-3.5	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	-3.5	20.5	362.5	71.1	0.0	-0.1	---	---	-0.1	71.0	758.1	4.6	28.8	33.4	365.5				
SEPT	16.5	2.3	0.2	18.0	29.2	-2.4	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	-2.3	16.7	379.2	63.9	0.0	0.0	---	---	0.0	63.9	822.0	7.4	36.7	44.1	409.6				
OCT	15.0	2.3	0.2	17.5	24.1	-5.1	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	-5.0	12.5	381.7	76.1	0.0	0.0	---	---	0.0	76.1	898.1	6.2	65.8	74.0	483.6				
NOV	5.4	---	---	5.4	24.4	0.3	---	0.3	5.7	397.4	30.8	0.0	0.0	---	---	0.0	30.6	928.7	4.7	42.4	47.1	530.7				
DEC	3.6	---	---	3.6	24.9	0.5	---	0.5	4.1	401.5	18.0	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.0	---	---	0.0	18.0	946.7	4.6	21.6	26.4	557.0 <sup>c</sup>				
YEAR	281.1	94.9	18.8	394.8	---	6.1	0.6	6.7	401.5	---	948.2	---	0.0	-1.7	0.2	-1.5	946.7	---	179.3	377.7	---	---				

Remarks: Col. 6 does not include Transmountain water.  
<sup>a</sup> Evaporation loss post-compact reservoirs; report of the Engineer Adviser for Colorado.  
<sup>b</sup> 1,909 ac-ft minus 243 ac-ft pre-compact; report of the Engineer Adviser for Colorado.  
<sup>c</sup> All Closed Basin Project deliveries were creditable (38,997 ac-ft).  
<sup>d</sup> Storage of 54 ac-ft rounded to 0.0 to balance annual change.

SUMMARY OF DEBITS AND CREDITS		
ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT
C1 Balance at Beginning of Year	---	C1 2
C2 Scheduled Delivery from Conejos River	189.3	D1 185.5
C3 Scheduled Delivery from Rio Grande	377.0	D1 563.9
C4 Actual Delivery at Lobatos plus 10,000 Acre Feet	---	---
C5 Reduction of Debits due Evaporation	---	---
C6 Reduction of Credits due Evaporation	0.2	C1 2.8
C7	---	---
C8 Balance at End of Year	---	C1 2.9

**RIO GRANDE COMPACT - DELIVERIES BY NEW MEXICO AT ELEPHANT BUTTE, SIGNED BY NEW MEXICO AND TEXAS**  
**YEAR 1997**

Quantities in thousands of acre feet to nearest hundred

MONTH	Recorded Flow at Otowi Bridge	Storage End of Month	ADJUSTMENTS					INDEX SUPPLY			ELEPHANT BUTTE EFFECTIVE SUPPLY				
			RESERVOIRS: LOBATOS TO OTOWI					During Month	Accumulated Total	Total Water Stored in New Mexico Above San Marcial at End of Month	STORAGE IN ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR		Recorded Flow Below Elephant Butte Dam	Effective Supply	
			Change in Storage	Reservoir Evaporation	Other Adjustments	Trans-mountain Diversions	Net Adjustments				End of Month	Change Gain (+) Loss (-)		During Month	Accumulated Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
JAN	43.4	8.9	3.7	0.0	---	---	2.3	45.7	45.7	5.4	1,718.1	---	---	---	---
FEB	47.6	12.2	3.3	0.0	---	---	-1.7	45.9	91.6	8.5	1,753.2	35.1	7.0	42.1	42
MAR	90.6	34.3	22.1	0.0	---	---	18.6	109.5	201.1	12.1	1,731.3	-21.6	65.2	43.3	85
APR	93.3	53.8	19.5	0.2	---	---	17.8	111.1	312.2	35.8	1,684.9	-46.4	90.8	44.4	129
MAY	262.8	125.3	71.5	0.4	---	---	73.7	336.5	648.7	54.8	1,657.3	-27.6	92.0	64.4	194
JUN	261.2	113.7	-11.6	0.6	---	---	-11.0	250.2	898.9	115.7	1,857.9	116.5	119.1	235.6	369
JUL	82.4	103.2	-10.5	0.4	---	---	-11.9	60.4	959.3	105.3	1,744.4	-113.5	136.5	23.0	605
AUG	74.3	94.6	-6.6	0.3	---	---	-6.6	64.7	1024.0	98.2	1,706.8	-37.5	85.4	47.8	676
SEPT	67.2	61.4	-13.2	0.2	---	---	-24.4	62.8	1086.8	82.4	1,707.8	0.9	51.1	52.0	728
OCT	136.8	49.8	-31.5	0.2	---	---	-31.4	105.4	1192.2	50.8	1,775.1	67.3	23.5	90.8	818
NOV	82.2	47.4	-2.5	0.2	---	---	-2.7	79.5	1271.7	49.2	1,858.7	83.6	0.6	84.2	903
DEC	62.2	44.4	-3.0	0.1	---	---	-4.6	57.6	1329.3	45.1	1,924.1	85.4	0.8	86.2	989
YEAR	1324.0	---	39.2	2.6	---	-36.5	5.3	1329.3	---	---	---	206.0	763.3	968.3	---
Remarks: Storage in recreational reservoirs not included.															
Code 3, 11, and 12 do not include transmountain water.															
SUMMARY OF DEBITS AND CREDITS															
ITEM										DEBIT		CREDIT		BALANCE	
NM1 Balance at Beginning of Year														Cr 66	
NM2 Scheduled Delivery at Elephant Butte												926.0		Dr 65	
NM3 Actual Elephant Butte Effective Supply														969.3	
NM4 Reduction of Debits due Evaporation														Cr 112	
NM5 Reduction of Credits due Evaporation												6.6		Cr 105	
NM6															
NM7															
NM8 Balance at End of Year														Cr 101	

**RIO GRANDE COMPACT - RELEASE AND SPILL FROM PROJECT STORAGE, SIGNED BY NEW MEXICO AND TEXAS**  
**YEAR 1997**

Quantities in thousands of acre feet to nearest hundred

USABLE WATER IN STORAGE										CREDIT WATER IN STORAGE					RIO GRANDE BELOW CABALLO DAM				
MONTH	Total Project Storage Capacity Available at End of Month	Elephant Butte Reservoir	Caballo Reservoir	Total at End of Month	Unfilled Capacity of Project Storage at End of Month	Colorado Credit Water	New Mexico Credit Water	Total at End of Month	Flood Water in Storage in Caballo Reservoir at End of Month	Total Water in Project Storage at End of Month	SPILL FROM STORAGE				USABLE RELEASE				
											Measured Flow at Caballo Gauging Station	Interpreting Diversions to Cerritos	Total Release and Spill	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	
JAN	1,646.9	41.8	1,688.7	2.4	68.8	71.2	1,750.9	6.5	0.0	6.5	0.0	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.0	
FEB	1,682.2	43.4	1,725.6	2.4	68.6	71.0	1,796.6	26.4	0.2	26.6	0.2	26.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.6	6.5	
MAR	1,614.7	59.8	1,674.5	2.4	67.8	70.2	1,744.7	118.6	0.1	118.7	0.1	118.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	118.7	33.1	
APR	1,589.0	75.8	1,663.8	2.3	67.0	69.3	1,733.1	79.0	0.1	79.1	0.2	79.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	79.1	151.8	
MAY	1,673.1	76.9	1,750.0	2.3	66.0	68.3	1,818.3	87.8	0.2	88.0	0.2	88.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	88.0	200.9	
JUN	1,790.5	68.3	1,858.8	2.3	65.1	67.4	1,826.2	127.7	0.2	127.9	0.2	127.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	127.9	318.9	
JUL	1,678.0	74.4	1,752.4	2.2	64.2	66.4	1,818.8	131.0	0.1	131.1	0.1	131.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	131.1	446.8	
AUG	1,641.3	59.3	1,700.6	2.2	63.4	65.6	1,766.2	110.5	0.1	110.6	0.1	110.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	110.6	577.9	
SEPT	1,642.5	48.2	1,690.7	2.2	63.1	65.3	1,756.0	75.2	0.1	75.3	0.1	75.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.3	688.5	
OCT	1,710.3	37.3	1,747.6	2.2	62.6	64.8	1,812.4	35.8	0.0	35.8	0.0	35.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.8	763.8	
NOV	1,794.2	40.4	1,834.6	2.2	62.3	64.5	1,899.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	799.6	
DEC	1,859.7	43.6	1,903.3	2.2	62.2	64.4	1,987.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	799.8	
YEAR																			
REMARKS:																			
a Determination of project storage capacity not made: see Report of Engineer Advisers.																			
ACCRUED DEBITURE FROM NORMAL RELEASE																			
ITEM																			
P1	Accrued Debiture at Beginning of Year																		
P2	Actual Release during Year																		
P3	Normal Release for Year																		
P4	Actual Evaporation from Elephant Butte Reservoir																		
P5	Evaporation Loss if No Accrued Debiture																		
P6																			
P7	Accrued Debiture at End of Year																		
TIME OF HYPOTHETICAL SPILL Did not occur																			
Ct 4.6																			

## COST OF OPERATION FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1997

Item	Total Cost	Borne by United States	Borne by		
			Colorado	New Mexico	Texas
GAGING STATIONS					
In Colorado	\$ 48,326	\$ 5,515	\$ 42,811		
In New Mexico, above Caballo Reservoir	\$ 55,440	\$ 34,615		\$ 20,825	
In New Mexico, Caballo Reservoir and below	\$ 18,584	\$ 4,172		\$ 1,500	\$ 12,912
Subtotal	\$ 122,350	\$ 44,302	\$ 42,811	\$ 22,325	\$ 12,912
ADMINISTRATION					
U.S.G.S. Contract	\$ 22,160	\$ 5,540	\$ 5,540	\$ 5,540	\$ 5,540
Other expenses	\$ 2,100		\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700
Subtotal	\$ 24,260	\$ 5,540	\$ 6,240	\$ 6,240	\$ 6,240
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 146,610	\$ 49,842	\$ 49,051	\$ 28,565	\$ 19,152
EQUAL SHARES			\$ 32,256	\$ 32,256	\$ 32,256

## BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1999

Item	Total Cost	Borne by United States	Borne by		
			Colorado	New Mexico	Texas
GAGING STATIONS					
In Colorado	\$ 50,824	\$ 5,964	\$ 44,860		
In New Mexico, above Caballo Reservoir	\$ 59,480	\$ 35,380		\$ 24,100	
In New Mexico, Caballo Reservoir and below	\$ 20,024	\$ 4,449		\$ 1,680	\$ 13,895
Subtotal	\$ 130,328	\$ 45,793	\$ 44,860	\$ 25,780	\$ 13,895
ADMINISTRATION					
U.S.G.S. Contract	\$ 23,960	\$ 5,990	\$ 5,990	\$ 5,990	\$ 5,990
Other expenses	\$ 2,400		\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800
Subtotal	\$ 26,360	\$ 5,990	\$ 6,790	\$ 6,790	\$ 6,790
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 156,688	\$ 51,783	\$ 51,650	\$ 32,570	\$ 20,685
EQUAL SHARES			\$ 34,968	\$ 34,968	\$ 34,968

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT ACCURACY OF RECORDS

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

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

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



## STREAMFLOW

## Rio Grande near Del Norte, Colo.

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

**Drainage area.**—1,320 sq mi, approximately.

**Average discharge.**—108 years (1890-1997), 904 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (654,900 acre-ft per year).

**Extremes.**—1889-1997: 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	5,110	190	140	165	10,140
February	4,690	200	150	168	9,300
March	11,314	632	170	365	22,440
April	22,301	1,460	377	743	44,230
May	103,710	5,610	1,210	3,345	205,700
June	132,030	7,090	3,050	4,401	261,900
July	67,970	3,060	1,580	2,193	134,800
August	35,820	2,070	711	1,155	71,050
September	32,218	3,180	515	1,074	63,900
October	38,382	2,560	824	1,238	76,130
November	15,426	775	351	514	30,600
December	9,092	470	240	293	18,030
Calendar year 1997		7,090	140	1,310	478,063

## Conejos River below Platoro Reservoir, Colo.

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

**Drainage area.**—40 sq mi, approximately.

**Average discharge.**—45 years (1890-1997), 94.0 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (68,100 acre-ft per year).

**Extremes.**—1952-97: Maximum discharge, 1,160 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Nov. 1, 1957; maximum gage height, 4.29 ft June 15, 1958; no flow Oct. 16-20, 1955.

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

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

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	223.0	7.3	7.1	7.19	442
February	208.9	7.6	7.3	7.46	414
March	239.5	7.9	7.6	7.73	475
April	1,027.2	100	7.9	34.2	2,040
May	6,463	597	52	208	12,820
June	10,755	670	112	359	21,330
July	9,284	563	123	299	18,410
August	4,515	206	83	146	8,960
September	3,682	329	47	123	7,300
October	4,204	216	51	136	8,340
November	517.3	61	7.3	17.2	1,030
December	226.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	449
Calendar year 1997	41,345.2	670	7.1	113	82,010

## RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT

## Conejos River near Mogote, Colo.

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

Drainage area.—282 sq mi.

Average discharge.—87 years (1904, 1912-97), 331 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (239,800 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.—1903-05, 1911-97: 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	1,472	55	40	47.5	2,920
February	1,375	56	45	49.1	2,730
March	4,120	243	46	133	8,170
April	6,758	438	113	225	13,400
May	34,014	1,850	311	1,097	67,470
June	45,490	2,180	1,130	1,516	90,230
July	17,609	1,140	330	568	34,930
August	10,487	643	207	338	20,800
September	8,292	565	144	276	16,450
October	7,545	350	147	243	14,970
November	2,739	198	56	91.3	5,430
December	1,807	76	46	58.3	3,580
Calendar year 1997	141,708	2,180	40	388	281,100

## San Antonio River at Ortiz, Colo.

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

Drainage area.—110 sq mi.

Average discharge.—57 years (1941-96), 26.2 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (18,980 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.—1920, 1925-97: 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	108.5	4.3	2.6	3.50	215
February	99.6	4.3	2.8	3.56	198
March	2,118	198	3.9	70.6	4,340
April	2,545	230	24	84.8	5,050
May	6,021	348	56	194	11,940
June	595.9	52	2.1	19.9	1,180
July	39.39	5.7	.00	1.27	78
August	82.41	8.4	.40	2.66	163
September	85.7	13	1.0	2.86	170
October	116.6	9.9	1.7	3.76	231
November	133.2	6.1	2.9	4.44	264
December	120.9	5.0	3.2	3.90	240
Calendar year 1997	12,136.20	348	.00	33.2	24,070

## STREAMFLOW

Los Pinos River near Ortiz, Colo.

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

Drainage area.--167 sq mi.

Average discharge.--79 years (1915-20, 1925-97), 121 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (87,660 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1915-20, 1925-97: 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	515	19	14	16.6	1,020
February	515	22	15	18.4	1,020
March	2,084	137	20	67.2	4,130
April	4,965	386	58	166	9,850
May	24,173	1,130	246	780	47,950
June	12,942	871	143	431	25,670
July	1,916	132	35	61.8	3,800
August	1,521	115	26	49.1	3,020
September	1,162	122	21	38.7	2,300
October	1,161	64	24	375	2,300
November	845	34	25	28.2	1,680
December	781	32	20	25.2	1,550
Calendar year 1997	52,580	1,130	14	144	104,300

Conejos River near Lasauces, Colo.

Location.--Water-stage recorders, lat 37°18'01", long 105°44'47", in secs. 2 and 11 (two channels), T. 35 N., R. 11 E., on left bank of main channel 125 feet downstream from bridge on State Highway 158 and on left bank of secondary channel 230 ft upstream from bridge, 1.0 mile upstream from mouth, and 2.1 miles north of 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.--76 years (1922-97), 186 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (135,000 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1921-97: 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	2,198	82	51	70.9	4,360
February	2,490	102	76	88.9	4,940
March	7,438	468	87	240	14,750
April	6,288	534	39	210	12,470
May	26,034	1,360	196	840	51,640
June	26,918	1,580	506	897	53,390
July	4,038	435	34	130	8,010
August	2,336	220	36	75.4	4,630
September	3,728	419	16	124	7,390
October	4,111	243	50	133	8,150
November	2,376	111	55	79.2	4,710
December	2,443	91	73	78.8	4,850
Calendar year 1997	90,398	1,580	16	248	179,300

## RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT

## Rio Grande near Lobatos, Colo.

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

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

**Average discharge.**—31 years (1900-30), 846 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (612,900 acre-ft per year); 67 years (1931-97) 453 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (328,200 acre-ft per year).

**Extremes.**—1899-1997: 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	10,005	380	250	323	19,840
February	10,041	390	325	359	19,920
March	19,536	1,010	355	630	38,750
April	12,584	803	218	419	24,960
May	39,479	2,450	351	1,274	78,310
June	59,475	3,470	975	1,983	118,000
July	16,282	1,170	299	525	32,300
August	16,816	871	302	542	33,350
September	22,224	2,120	334	741	44,080
October	37,299	2,070	729	1,203	73,980
November	23,726	1,100	599	791	47,060
December	13,336	700	300	430	26,450
Calendar year 1997	280,803	3,470	218	769	557,000

## 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; 28 years (1970-97), 138 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (98,530 acre-ft per year) subsequent to completion of Azotea tunnel.

**Extremes.**—1962-97: Maximum discharge, 1,610 ft<sup>3</sup>/s Mar. 12, 1985 (gage height, 6.65 ft); no flow at times.

**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 Rutheron 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	154.60	55	.00	4.99	307
February	153.30	11	.00	5.47	304
March	7,611	639	3.0	246	15,100
April	8,090	485	96	270	16,050
May	21,222	943	233	685	42,090
June	23,474	958	504	782	46,560
July	5,634	452	94	182	11,180
August	4,814	466	38	155	9,550
September	1,701	253	10	56.7	3,370
October	1,070	75	7.0	34.5	2,120
November	0.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
December	0.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
Calendar year 1997	73,923.90	958	.00	203	146,600

## STREAMFLOW

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

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

Drainage area.--45 sq mi, approximately.

Average discharge.--12 years (1963-73, 86), 117 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (848 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1963-97: 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	--	--	--	--	--
April	36.09	2.5	--	--	--
May	45.34	5.9	.63	1.20	--
June	10.42	1.1	.58	1.46	72
July	0.01	.01	.00	.35	90
August	5.09	1.2	.00	.000	21
September	0.00	.00	.00	.16	.02
October	--	--	.00	.000	10
November	--	--	--	--	.00
December	--	--	--	--	--
Calendar year 1997	--	--	--	--	--

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.--27 years (1971-97) 121 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (87,660 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1971-97: 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	4,650	150	150	150	9,220
February	4,200	150	150	150	8,330
March	11,490	600	150	371	22,790
April	19,215	1,400	.00	641	38,110
May	640.0	347	.00	20.6	1,270
June	0.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
July	4,470	500	.00	144	8,870
August	5,991	500	.00	193	11,880
September	3,548	600	.00	118	7,040
October	36.00	36	.00	1.16	.71
November	1,800	60	60	60	3,570
December	1,860	60	60	60	3,690
Calendar year 1997	57,900	1,400	.00	159	114,800

## RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT

## 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; 27 years (1971-97) 490 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (355,000 acre-ft per year).

**Extremes.**—1914-16, 1920-24, 1936-97: 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	5,277	173	167	170	10,470
February	4,733	171	167	169	9,390
March	6,276	279	165	202	12,450
April	15,011	1,590	164	500	29,770
May	45,095	2,540	535	1,455	89,450
June	25,998	1,800	208	867	51,570
July	12,514	799	207	404	24,820
August	13,609	800	205	439	26,990
September	13,180	893	209	439	26,140
October	19,851	1,010	199	640	39,370
November	6,101	209	200	203	12,100
December	6,021	200	184	194	11,940
Calendar year 1997	173,666	2,540	164	476	344,500

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

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

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

**Average discharge.**—9 years (1962-70), 376 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (272,400 acre-feet per year), prior to release of transmountain water; 27 years (1971-97), 547 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (396,300 acre-ft per year).

**Extremes.**—1961-97: 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	2,541	96	73	82.0	5,040
February	4,275	208	88	153	8,480
March	9,392	515	157	303	18,630
April	13,456	1,050	256	449	26,690
May	47,690	1,810	548	1,538	94,590
June	40,002	1,800	609	1,333	79,340
July	15,560	924	217	502	30,860
August	10,337	607	243	333	20,500
September	16,623	902	231	554	32,970
October	20,680	1,080	146	667	41,020
November	5,013	177	144	167	9,940
December	5,690	375	164	184	11,290
Calendar year 1997	191,259	1,810	73	524	379,400

## STREAMFLOW

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

Location.--Totalizing flowmeters, lat 35°50'46", long 105°54'17", in NE1/4SW1/4 sec. 29, T.19 N., R.10 E., in 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.

Average discharge.--19 years (1979-97), 15.6 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (11,300 acre-feet per year).

Extremes.--1979-97: Maximum discharge, 312 ft<sup>3</sup>/s June 9, 1979 (gage height, 1.96 feet), at site 1,100 feet downstream; no flow December 31, 1994.

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	27.43	.91	0.84	.88	54
February	25.48	.95	.89	.91	51
March	100.87	13	.90	3.25	200
April	416.6	16	7.9	13.9	826
May	1,126	57	16	36.3	2,230
June	1,673	78	29	55.8	3,320
July	728.9	38	8.9	23.5	1,450
August	368.3	23	3.2	11.9	731
September	554.4	22	6.7	18.5	1,100
October	239.8	14	2.9	7.74	476
November	88.9	4.2	1.1	2.96	176
December	40.8	1.4	1.3	1.32	81
Calendar year 1997	5,390.48	78	.84	14.8	10,690

## 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.--98 years (1896-1905, 1910-97), 1,545 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (1,119,000 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1895-1905, 1910-97: 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 Abiqui Reservoirs. Diversions above station for irrigation of about 620,000 acres in Colorado and 75,000 acres in New Mexico. Subsequent to May 1971 flow affected by releases of transmountain water from Heron Reservoir.

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

Month	Second-foot-days	Maximum daily	Minimum daily	Mean	Runoff in acre-feet
January	21,911	834	444	707	43,460
February	23,997	973	753	857	47,600
March	45,680	2,290	872	1,474	90,610
April	47,080	2,840	1,000	1,569	93,380
May	132,500	6,400	1,900	4,274	262,800
June	131,680	6,940	2,300	4,389	261,200
July	41,551	2,050	933	1,340	82,420
August	37,485	1,630	912	1,209	37,485
September	44,000	2,470	1,020	1,467	87,270
October	68,960	3,330	1,730	2,225	136,800
November	41,450	1,720	1,140	1,382	82,220
December	31,386	1,290	821	1,012	62,250
Calendar year 1997	667,680	6,940	444	1,829	1,324,000



## 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 NE1/4SE1/4 sec. 23, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., 0.4 mile downstream from McClure Dam, and 5.3 miles east of Santa Fe. Altitude of gage is 7,718 ft. Prior to Nov. 4, 1930, at site 1.5 miles downstream, and Apr. 11, 1931 to Sept. 30, 1947, at site 0.3 mile upstream, each at different datum.

**Drainage area.**—18.2 sq mi.

**Average discharge.**—85 years (1913-97), 8.25 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (5,977 acre-ft per year).

**Extremes.**—1913-97: 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	6.08	.22	.18	.20	12
February	6.94	.49	.20	.25	14
March	31.23	4.4	.28	1.01	62
April	331.34	19	.59	11.0	657
May	1,015	55	13	32.7	2,010
June	1,028	76	13	34.3	2,040
July	403	13	13	13.0	799
August	187.94	18	.16	6.06	373
September	508	17	16	16.9	1,010
October	305.2	17	1.7	9.85	605
November	48.7	1.7	1.5	1.62	97
December	52.2	1.7	1.6	1.68	104
Calendar year 1997	3,923.63	76	.16	10.7	7,780

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

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

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

**Average discharge.**—27 years (1971-97) 1,449 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (1,050,000 acre-ft per year).

**Extremes.**—1971-97: 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	20,689	868	429	667	41,040
February	22,117	1,620	623	790	43,870
March	38,967	2,050	655	1,257	77,290
April	41,602	2,650	798	1,387	82,520
May	124,470	5,720	1,700	4,015	246,900
June	143,210	6,610	2,090	4,774	284,100
July	34,724	1,820	831	1,120	68,880
August	32,729	1,520	773	1,056	64,920
September	39,337	2,440	872	1,311	78,020
October	65,270	3,050	1,510	2,105	129,500
November	40,570	1,660	1,040	1,352	80,470
December	1,350	1,350	766	1,036	63,700
Calendar year 1997	635,801	6,610	429	1,742	1,261,000



## STREAMFLOW

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

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

Drainage area.—597 sq mi.

Average discharge.—27 years (1971-97), 6.13 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (4,441 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.—1970-97: 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	18.98	4.1	0.00	.61	38
February	68.3	6.0	1.1	2.44	135
March	38.61	3.7	.00	1.25	77
April	99.62	8.5	.00	3.32	198
May	35.89	5.8	.00	1.16	71
June	22.20	12	.00	.74	44
July	510.11	252	.00	16.5	1,010
August	790.79	639	.00	25.5	1,570
September	242.00	134	.00	8.07	480
October	.00	.00	.00	.000	.00
November	71.61	59	.00	2.39	142
December	32.69	6.4	.00	1.05	65
Calendar year 1997	1,930.80	639	.00	5.29	3,830

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

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

Drainage area.—1,038 sq mi.

Average discharge.—55 years (1937, 1944-97), 63.8 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (46,220 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.—1937, 1944-97: 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	875.7	297	1.2	28.2	1,740
February	786.2	123	3.5	28.1	1,560
March	3,472	251	21	112	6,890
April	7,231	433	124	241	14,340
May	8,830	367	195	285	17,510
June	2,956.8	239	6.1	98.6	5,860
July	338.3	116	4.5	10.9	671
August	1,345.3	212	5.9	43.4	2,670
September	852.6	105	3.2	28.4	1,690
October	339.5	27	3.8	11.0	673
November	349.2	21	3.7	11.6	693
December	882.0	93	3.4	28.5	1,750
Calendar year 1997	28,258.6	433	1.2	77.4	56,050

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## Rio Grande below Elephant Butte Dam, N. Mex.

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

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

Average discharge.--83 years (1915-97, 1,008 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (730,300 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1915-97: 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	3,531	708	10	114	7,000
February	32,864	1,590	582	1,174	65,190
March	45,803	2,150	564	1,478	90,850
April	46,412	2,230	894	1,547	92,060
May	46,015	2,190	985	1,484	91,270
June	60,070	2,300	1,690	2,002	119,100
July	68,800	2,330	1,270	2,219	136,500
August	45,055	2,030	561	1,389	85,400
September	25,759	1,790	17	859	51,090
October	11,322	1,500	13	365	22,460
November	311.0	15	8.4	10.4	617
December	398	17	10	12.8	789
Calendar year 1997	384,340.0	2,330	8.4	1,053	762,300

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

Location.--Water-stage recorder, lat 32°53'05", long 107°17'31", in NE1/4SW1/4 sec. 30, T. 16 S., R. 4 W., 2,000 ft upstream from Interstate Highway 25, 4,200 ft downstream from Caballo Dam, 1.3 miles upstream from Percha diversion dam, and 3 miles northeast of Arrey. Datum of gage is 4,140.90 ft above mean sea level, datum of 1929. October 13, 1938 to December 31, 1945, at datum 5.0 ft higher.

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

Average discharge.--60 years (1938-97) 933 ft<sup>3</sup>/s (676,000 acre-ft per year).

Extremes.--1938-97: 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	3,269.0	334	1.0	105	6,480
February	13,316.0	1,030	1.0	476	26,410
March	59,790	2,570	1,230	1,929	118,600
April	39,830	1,620	1,070	1,328	79,000
May	44,240	2,180	1,090	1,427	87,750
June	64,400	2,640	1,630	2,147	127,700
July	66,052	2,620	812	2,131	131,000
August	55,716	2,330	406	1,797	110,500
September	37,919	2,020	328	1,264	75,210
October	18,030	1,400	4.0	582	35,760
November	120	4.0	4.0	4.00	238
December	53	2.0	1.0	1.71	105
Calendar Year 1997	402,735.0	2,640	1.0	1,103	798,800

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# STREAMFLOW

Bonito ditch below Caballo Dam, N. Mex.

Records available.--January 1938 to December 1997. Published as supplementary data with Rio Grande below Caballo Dam in U.S.G.S. Water-Supply Papers and Water-Data Reports beginning with October 1947.

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

## Diversion, in acre-feet

January	0
February	162.79
March	123.53
April	123.53
May	177.82
June	177.83
July	160.06
August	126.53
September	89.18
October	0.11
November	0
December	0
Calendar year 1997	1,141.38

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(Constructed or enlarged since 1937)

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

Calendar Year 1997

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Cal. yr.
Gage height	2.5	3.8	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	3.2	-
Contents	42	64	162	162	162	162	130	0	0	0	27	54	-
Change	+22	+22	+98	0	0	0	-32	-130	0	0	+27	+27	+34

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

Calendar Year 1997

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

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

Calendar Year 1997

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Jumper Creek Reservoir. --In sec. 5, T. 39 N., R. 2 W., on Jumper Creek, tributary to Trout Creek. Completed in 1951; capacity, 38 acre-ft. Capacity table based on elevation above bottom of outlet. Storage omitted from accounting by action of Commission on Feb. 15, 1962.

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

Calendar Year 1997

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Month Cal.yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Gage height	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Contents	38	38	38	38	38	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Change	0	0	0	0	0	38	38	38	38	38	38	38
						0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Big Meadows Reservoir.—In NW1/4 sec. 17, T. 38 N., R. 2 E., on South Fork about 0.9 mile upstream from Hope Creek. Completed in 1967; capacity, 2,437 acre-ft. Capacity table based on elevation above outlet. Water is used for fish culture. Includes 140 acre-ft of transmountain water, by exchange, in 1967; 838 acre-ft, by exchange, in 1968; and 347 acre-ft, by exchange, in 1969, and 1,112 acre-ft, by exchange, in 1983, for a total of 2,437 acre-ft.

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

Calendar Year 1997

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Alberta Park Reservoir.—In sec. 34, T. 38 N., R. 2 E., on Pass Creek. Completed in 1953; capacity, 598 acre-ft. Capacity table based on elevation above bottom of outlet. Storage prior to June 30, 1983 included 244 acre-ft of transmountain water imported in 1963. By a 1983 resolution of the Rio Grande Compact Commission, the reservoir was drained for repairs in July 1983; recovery was completed in 1984. The reservoir also contains 100 acre-ft of transmountain water stored by exchange in 1983 and 254 acre-ft of transmountain water stored in 1984.

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

**Calendar Year 1997**

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Shaw Lake Enlargement.—In sec. 5, T. 38 N., R. 2 E., on tributary to Lake Creek. Capacity, 638 acre-ft by 1916 decree; enlarged in 1955 to 681 acre-ft. Only the storage in excess of 638 acre-ft is subject to terms of Rio Grande Compact. Includes 42 acre-ft of transmountain water imported in 1965.

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

Calendar Year 1997

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Mill Creek Reservoir.--In sec. 16, T. 39 N., R. 3 E., on Mill Creek. Completed in 1953; capacity, 43 acre-ft. Capacity based on elevation above bottom of outlet. Includes 43 acre-ft of transmountain water, by exchange, in 1976.

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Reservoirs in Rio Grande Basin in New Mexico  
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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, 1996	7,168.67		
January 31, 1997	7,167.43	305,920	
February 28	7,166.15	299,690	-6,230
March 31	7,165.49	293,340	-6,350
April 30	7,161.16	290,090	-3,250
May 31	7,170.01	269,270	-20,820
June 30	7,178.94	312,720	+43,450
July 31	7,179.58	360,320	+47,600
August 31	7,179.05	363,880	+3,560
September 30	7,178.23	360,930	-2,950
October 31	7,178.36	356,390	-4,540
November 30	7,177.65	357,110	+720
December 31	7,176.93	353,200	-3,910
Calendar year 1997		349,260	-3,940
			+43,340

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

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents	Transmountain water
December 31, 1996	6,836.55			
January 31, 1997	6,838.39	44,380		
February 28	6,840.00	46,800	+2,420	39,430
March 31	6,860.02	48,980	+2,180	37,890
April 30	6,879.21	80,540	+31,560	36,720
May 31	6,899.01	121,060	+40,520	46,130
June 30	6,900.01	176,730	+55,670	67,110
July 31	6,896.36	179,880	+3,150	66,400
August 31	6,893.42	168,500	-11,380	66,150
September 30	6,889.35	159,620	-8,880	65,080
October 31	6,876.85	147,810	-11,810	64,890
November 30	6,875.84	115,360	-32,450	66,160
December 31	6,874.46	112,990	-2,370	65,600
Calendar year 1997		109,810	-3,180	65,580
			+65,430	65,350

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

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents	Transmountain water
December 31, 1996	6,211.97	157,710	-	149,830
January 31, 1997	6,213.65	164,110	+6,400	156,460
February 28	6,214.21	166,260	+2,160	158,600
March 31	6,213.83	164,800	-1,460	157,170
April 30	6,216.53	175,330	+10,520	167,660
May 31	6,220.53	191,490	+16,160	168,430
June 30	6,216.43	174,930	-16,560	166,860
July 31	6,215.10	169,710	-5,220	161,640
August 31	6,217.28	178,300	+8,590	169,950
September 30	6,215.61	171,700	-6,600	163,230
October 31	6,215.51	171,310	-390	162,210
November 30	6,216.09	173,590	+2,280	164,600
December 31	6,216.57	175,480	+1,890	166,470
Calendar year 1997	-	-	+17,770	-

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

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1996	6,813.33	1,350	-
January 31, 1997	6,817.82	1,550	+200
February 28	6,821.20	1,720	+170
March 31	6,826.60	2,020	+300
April 30	6,824.07	1,880	-140
May 31	6,826.82	2,040	+160
June 30	6,826.71	2,030	-10
July 31	6,817.12	1,520	-510
August 31	6,824.61	1,910	+390
September 30	6,812.40	1,300	-610
October 31	6,809.90	1,200	-100
November 30	6,812.96	1,330	+130
December 31	6,817.66	1,550	+220
Calendar year 1997	-	-	+200



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McClure (Granite Point) Reservoir.—Water-stage recorder in NE1/4SW1/4 sec. 24, T. 17 N., R. 10 E., on Santa Fe River. Original reservoir completed in 1926, capacity, 561 acre-ft; in 1935, permanent flash boards were installed in spillway increasing capacity to 650 acre-ft; in 1947 both dam and spillway were reconstructed increasing capacity to 2,615 acre-ft (gage height, 9,788.4 ft, crest of spillway). In 1953 spillway was equipped with radial gates that opened automatically, increasing capacity to over 3,000 acre-ft. In 1972, radial gates were removed decreasing capacity to 2,615 acre-ft. In 1989, modifications to the dam and spillway increased capacity to 2,813 acre-ft. In 1995, modification to the dam and spillway increased capacity to 3,257 acre-ft. No dead storage. Altitude of gage is 7,790 ft. Water is for municipal use in Santa Fe. Storage includes both Rio Grande water and transmountain water by exchange. Only the storage of Rio Grande water in excess of 1,061 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	Transmountain water
December 31, 1996	7,853.74	1,180	-		
January 31, 1997	7,857.43	1,370	-	695	485
February 28	7,861.44	1,590	+190	885	485
March 31	7,874.39	2,410	+220	1,060	485
April 30	7,878.14	2,680	+820	1,060	485
May 31	7,885.93	3,270	+270	1,060	485
June 30	7,885.45	3,230	+590	1,060	485
July 31	7,878.77	2,730	-40	1,030	485
August 31	7,881.62	2,940	-500	652	485
September 30	7,871.28	2,200	+210	1,030	485
October 31	7,863.07	1,680	-740	781	485
November 30	7,863.43	1,750	-520	743	485
December 31	7,864.11	1,750	+70	818	485
Calendar year 1997	-	-	0	730	485
			+570	-	-

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

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents	Transmountain water
December 31, 1996	158.68	460	-	
January 31, 1997	158.68	460	-	256
February 28	157.66	437	0	256
March 31	149.72	275	-23	256
April 30	160.59	507	-162	256
May 31	167.26	693	+232	256
June 30	167.03	686	+186	256
July 31	166.33	665	-7	256
August 31	150.30	285	-20	256
September 30	161.59	534	-380	254
October 31	163.01	572	-249	254
November 30	160.22	497	+38	254
December 31	163.52	585	-75	254
Calendar year 1997	-	-	+88	254
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Month-end elevation, in feet, and contents, in acre-feet

**Galisteo Reservoir.**--Water-stage recorder and manometer in NW1/4 sec. 9, T. 14 N., R. 7 E., on Galisteo Creek. Storage records begin in October 1970. Capacity 88,990 acre-ft at elevation 5,608.0 ft (crest of spillway). No dead storage. Reservoir is operated by Corps of Engineers for flood control and sediment storage.

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

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

Date	Elevation	Contents	Change in contents	Transmountain water
December 31, 1996	5,191.93	21,200		
January 31, 1997	5,192.39	21,770		17,440
February 29	5,192.42	21,810	+570	18,630
March 31	5,196.10	26,630	+40	18,500
April 30	5,195.50	25,810	+4,820	21,690
May 31	5,196.11	26,650	-820	21,980
June 30	5,194.83	24,910	+840	21,360
July 31	5,194.21	24,090	-1,740	20,520
August 31	5,193.57	23,260	-820	19,470
September 30	5,193.31	22,930	-830	18,750
October 31	5,192.72	22,180	-330	18,140
November 30	5,193.50	23,170	-750	17,450
December 31	5,193.38	23,020	+990	17,660
Calendar year 1997			-150	18,110
			+1,820	

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

Month-end contents, in acre-feet

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

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

No storage during 1997.

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(Project storage)

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

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents	Transmountain water
December 31, 1996	4,396.89	1,718,060	-	0
January 31, 1997	4,397.98	1,753,200	+35,100	0
February 29	4,397.39	1,734,100	-19,100	2,750
March 31	4,395.93	1,687,600	-46,500	2,730
April 30	4,395.05	1,660,100	-27,500	2,710
May 31	4,397.70	1,744,100	+84,000	2,680
June 30	4,401.21	1,860,500	+116,400	2,640
July 31	4,397.79	1,747,000	-113,500	2,620
August 31	4,396.62	1,709,400	-37,600	2,590
September 30	4,396.65	1,710,400	+1,000	2,580
October 31	4,398.73	1,777,700	+67,300	2,570
November 30	4,401.23	1,861,200	+83,500	2,560
December 31	4,403.13	1,926,600	+65,400	2,560
Calendar year 1997	-	-	+208,500	-

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

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

Date	Gage height	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1996	4,142.63	41,810	-
January 31, 1997	4,143.11	43,420	+1,610
February 29	4,151.78	80,810	+37,390
March 31	4,147.39	59,830	-20,980
April 30	4,150.80	75,770	+15,940
May 31	4,151.30	76,930	+1,160
June 30	4,149.27	68,300	-8,630
July 31	4,150.52	74,360	+6,060
August 31	4,147.26	59,280	-15,080
September 30	4,144.46	48,190	-11,090
October 31	4,141.20	37,280	-10,910
November 30	4,142.20	40,410	+3,130
December 31	4,143.15	43,560	+3,150
Calendar year 1997	-	-	+1,750

## STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS

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

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

Month-end contents, in acre-feet

Date	Contents	Change in contents
December 31, 1996	1,759,900	
January 31, 1997	1,796,600	
February 29	1,814,900	+36,700
March 31	1,747,400	+18,300
April 30	1,735,900	-67,500
May 31	1,821,000	-11,500
June 30	1,928,800	+85,100
July 31	1,821,400	+107,800
August 31	1,768,700	-107,400
September 30	1,758,600	-52,700
October 31	1,815,000	-10,100
November 30	1,901,600	+56,400
December 31	1,970,200	+86,600
Calendar year 1997		+68,600
		+210,300

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

## TRANSMOUNTAIN DIVERSIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Imported quantities, in acre-feet, 1997

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	346
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,300
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,890
May	0	0	0	309	0	0	43,720
June	229	0	188	619	0	189	48,430
July	257	329	189	181	6	56	11,630
August	279	626	44	114	58	0	9,110
September	281	139	0	104	0	0	3,410
October	22	0	0	85	0	0	2,350
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal. year	1,068	1,094	421	1,412	64	245	142,262

## RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION REPORT

### EVAPORATION AND PRECIPITATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# EVAPORATION AND PRECIPITATION 1997

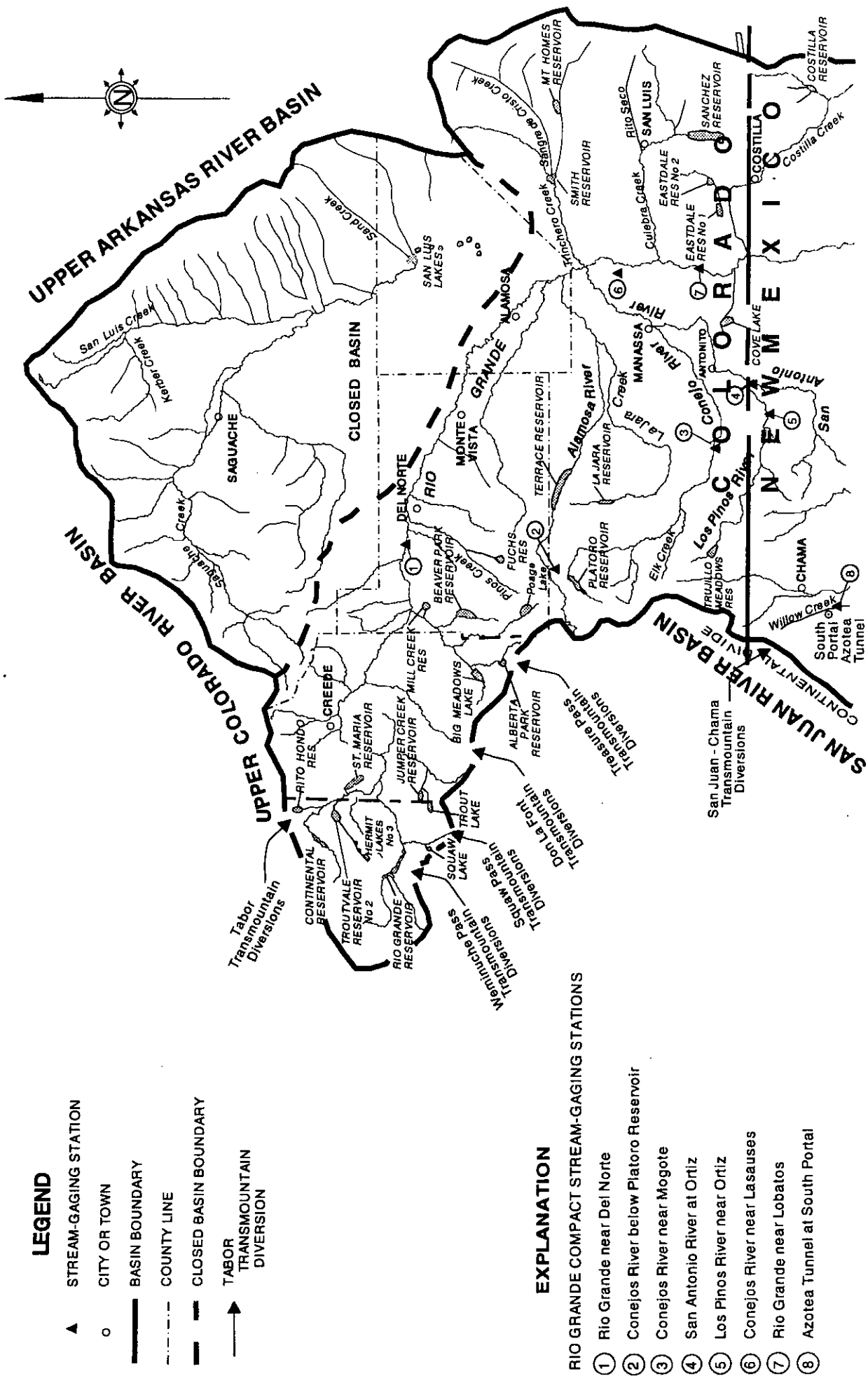
Evaporation and precipitation, in inches

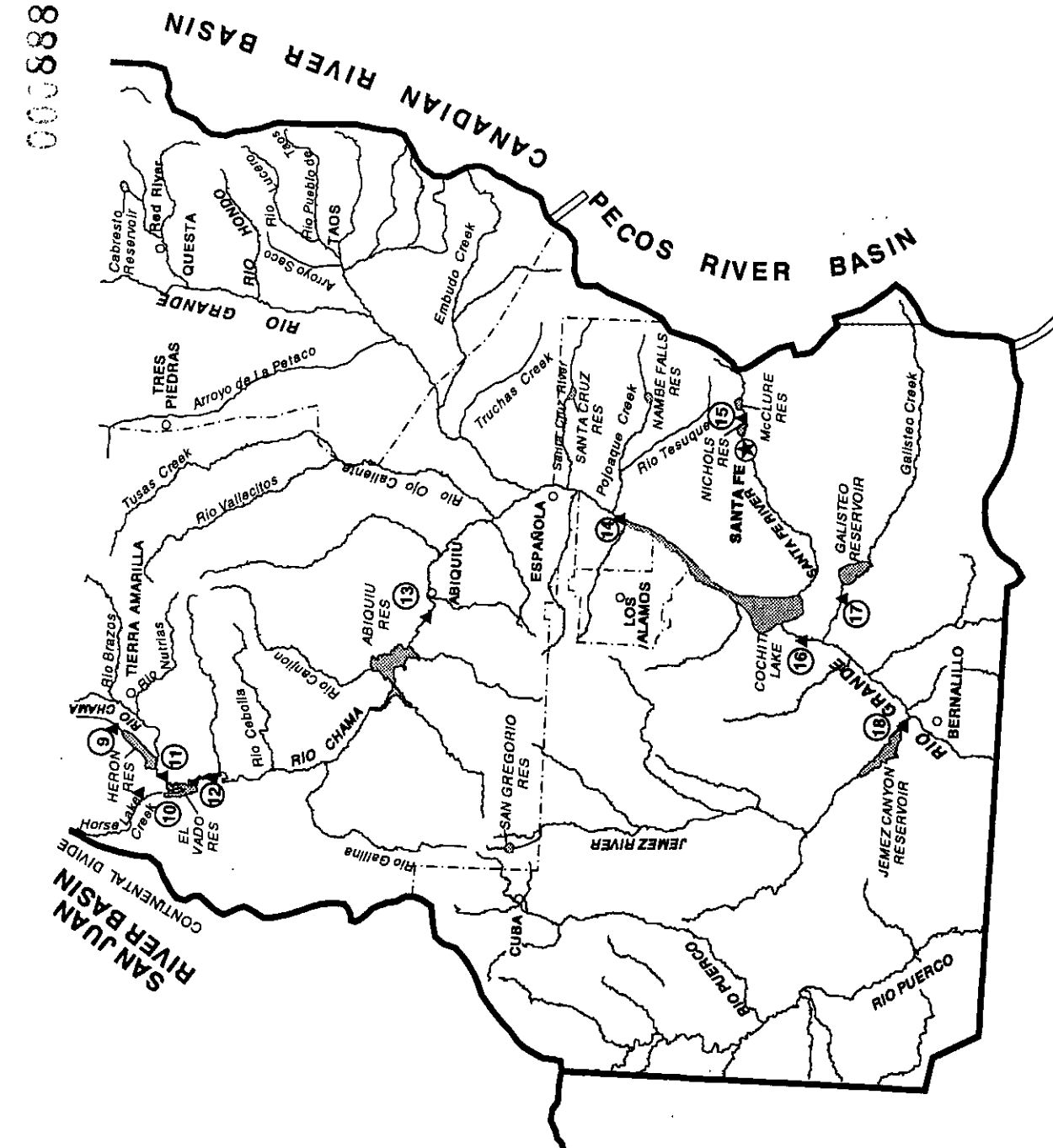
Station Annual		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Alamosa Airport 7.30	Evap.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Precip.	0.33	0.77	0.04	0.17	0.51	0.79	0.92	0.92	1.69	0.43	0.54	0.19
Platoro Dam	Evap.	-	-	-	-	-	8.61	6.91	3.78	4.65	-	-	-
	Precip.	-	-	-	-	-	7.41	2.41	3.97	3.23	-	-	-
Heron Dam 21.90	Evap.	-	-	-	4.01	6.01	7.74	8.64	5.93	5.03	3.66	-	-
	Precip.	3.27	1.03	0.01	1.90	2.35	1.33	3.36	2.18	2.22	1.68	1.21	1.36
El Vado Dam 17.10	Evap.	-	-	-	4.73	6.72	7.21	7.87	6.24	4.85	3.51	-	-
	Precip.	1.69	0.55	0.02	1.35	2.94	1.31	1.48	1.85	2.46	1.40	1.22	0.83
Abiquiu Dam 9.25	Evap.	-	-	-	6.48	8.41	9.16	10.18	8.13	6.58	5.62	-	-
	Precip.	0.31	0.24	0.03	1.07	1.03	0.97	0.81	1.36	1.91	0.65	0.52	0.35
Nambe Falls Dam 17.97	Evap.	-	-	-	4.97	7.70	8.94	10.14	8.21	6.46	4.74	-	-
	Precip.	0.62	0.89	1.19	0.98	1.63	1.98	2.47	3.51	1.45	0.65	1.09	1.51
Cochiti Dam 18.37	Evap.	-	-	-	6.67	9.28	10.79	12.10	10.34	7.99	6.73	-	-
	Precip.	1.29	0.85	0.08	1.81	0.62	2.42	1.50	2.88	2.14	0.30	1.79	2.69
Jemez Canyon Dam 12.92	Evap.	-	-	-	8.34	9.46	12.31	11.85	9.75	7.71	6.58	-	-
	Precip.	0.98	0.24	0.07	2.27	0.60	0.69	1.58	1.94	1.37	0.40	1.42	1.36
Elephant 108.32 Butte Dam 11.21	Evap.	2.44	4.33	8.78	10.76	13.85	15.01	14.79	11.87	9.32	8.62	5.77	2.78
	Precip.	0.10	0.63	0.72	0.09	0.30	0.72	1.69	0.47	4.05	0.83	0.80	0.81
Caballo 96.77 Dam 10.74	Evap.	3.32	4.83	-	9.72	13.72	14.14	13.76	10.76	10.38	8.31	5.02	2.81
	Precip.	0.25	0.31	-	0.12	0.95	0.92	1.71	1.54	2.46	1.55	0.32	0.61
State Univer.	Evap.	-	-	7.82	11.22	10.86	11.95	12.16	11.33	10.03	7.59	-	-
	Precip.	0.58	0.45	0.51	0.19	0.10	1.30	1.30	2.91	1.14	0.47	-	1.47



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- ⑨ Willow Creek above Heron Reservoir
- ⑩ Horse Lake Creek above Heron Reservoir
- ⑪ Willow Creek below Heron Reservoir, near Parkway
- ⑫ Rio Chama below El Vado Dam
- ⑬ Rio Chama below Abiqui Dam
- ⑭ Rio Grande at Otowi Bridge
- ⑮ Santa Fe River near Santa Fe
- ⑯ Rio Grande below Cochiti Dam
- ⑰ Galisteo Creek below Galisteo Dam
- ⑱ Jemez River below Jemez Canyon Dam

NOTE: Screened areas denote reservoirs,  
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