How New Mexico Manages for the Compact in MRG

- New Mexico has focused on three areas to both maintain Compact compliance and allow for growth in the middle Rio Grande.
 - Support construction and maintenance of the Middle Rio Grande Project
 - Administratively control water use/ pumping of groundwater
 - Import water from the San Juan Basin.

Middle Rio Grande Floodway in 1952

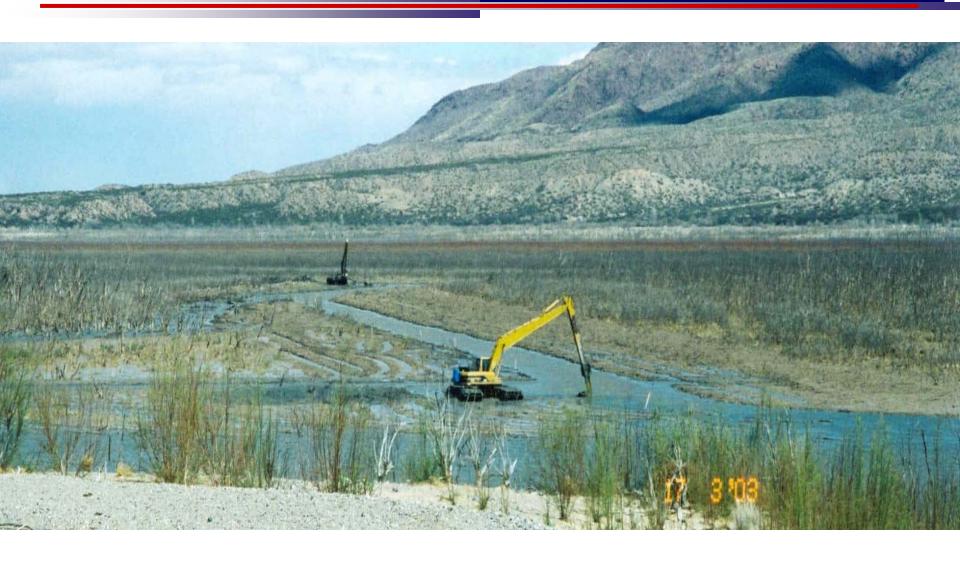


Looking downstream from south boundary of Bosque del Apache (courtesy of Reclamation)

The Middle Rio Grande – A Constructed River Floodway

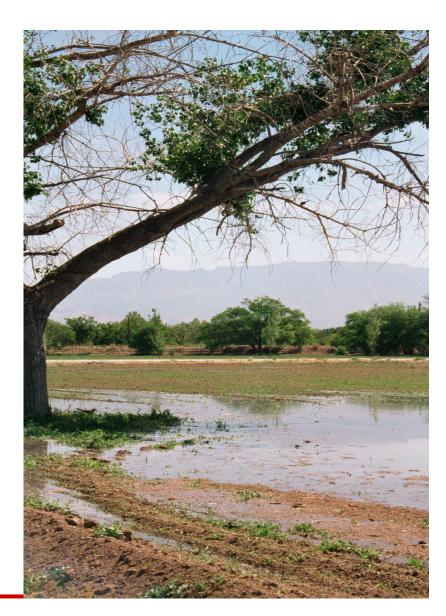


Elephant Butte Delta Channel



Essential Rio Grande Basin Water Administration Facts

- The Rio Grande Basin is fully appropriated
- Surface water and groundwater are connected
- Under conditions of increased water use in any sector, a reduction of water use from other sectors is required if the water use/water supply balance is to be maintained



The San Juan Chama Project

- A Bureau of Reclamation Project that diverts a portion of New Mexico's Upper Colorado River Compact apportionment into the Rio Grande Basin.
- The Project firm yield is 96, 200 acre-feet per year.
- The majority of the annual SJCP water is contracted for use by two middle valley entities:
 - The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority
 - The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District