

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.
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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



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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
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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
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