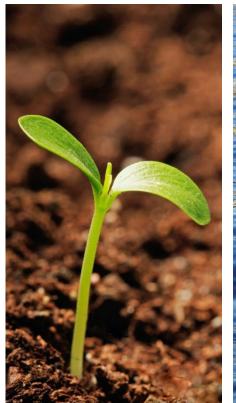


## Rio Chama Settlement

Ohkay Owingeh





#### **Local Parties**

Ohkay Owingeh

Rio Chama Acequia Association

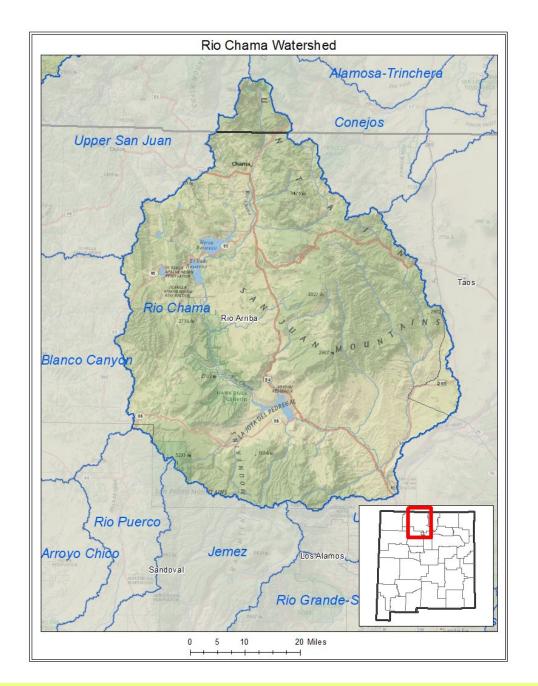
Asociación de Acéquias Norteñas de Rio Arriba

La Asociación de las Acéquias del Rio Vallecitos, Tusas y Ojo Caliente

El Rito Ditch Association

City of Española

State of New Mexico



#### **Basin Facts**

- Estimated water use is 97% SW and 3% GW
- Over 32,000 irrigated acres
- Over 475 SW diversions
- Over 32,000 acre-ft of consumptive use
- Over 150,000 acre-ft of annual diversions
- Largest tributary to the Rio Grande

### Two Primary Settlement Benefits

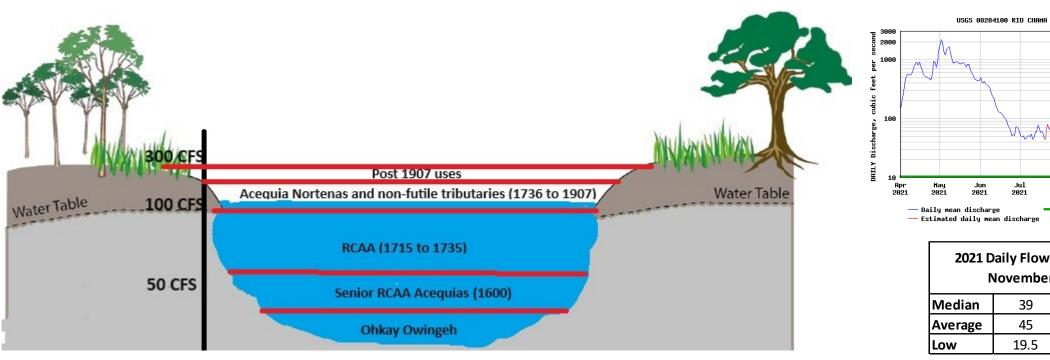
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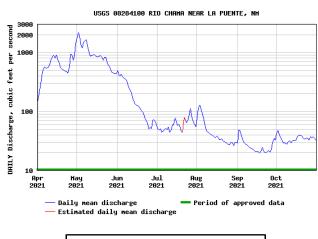
- Stakeholder driven
- Acequia and Pueblo traditional view of water management
- Community and basin resilience
- Guaranteed situational outcomes and actions

### **Bosque Restoration**

- Historical Overbanking Right
- Restoration Right
- Priority water
- Protection of other stakeholders interests

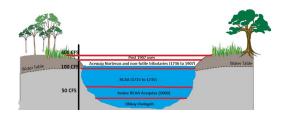
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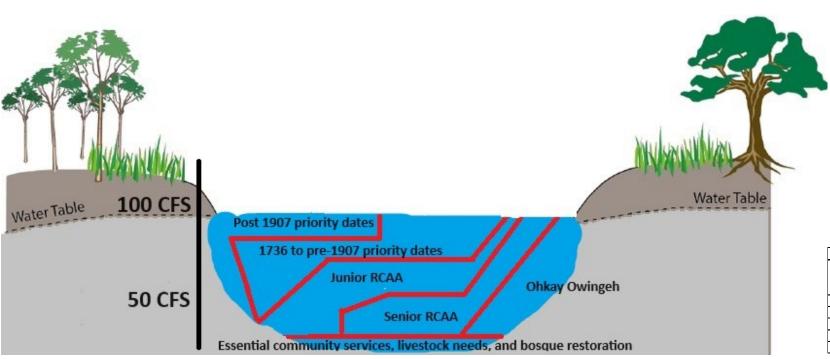


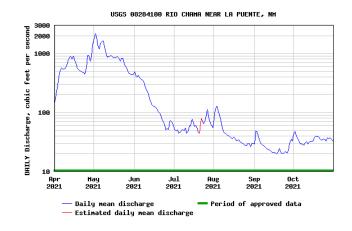


2021 Daily Flow July 1 to November 30					
Median	39	cfs			
Average	45	cfs			
Low	19.5	cfs			

# Alternative Priority Call (Shortage Sharing)





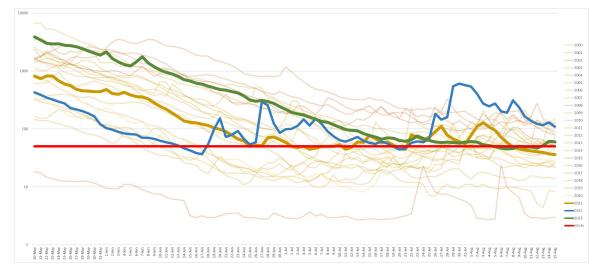


Ohkay Owingeh's Sharing Impact						
	Available Weekly Supply Acre-FT	Priority Call	Weekly Acre-FT delivered to Ohkay Owingeh	Shortage Sharing	Weekly Acre-FT Delivered to Ohkay Owingeh	
10 CFS	139	100%	139	11.78%	16	
20 CFS	278	50%	139	11.78%	33	
30 CFS	416	33%	139	11.78%	49	
40 CFS	555	25%	139	11.78%	65	
50 CFS	694	20%	139	11.78%	82	

- Delayed start date for full main stem curtailment
- Certainty in schedule
- Certainty in participation
- Benefits non-Pueblo junior users most
- Protection of base flows

## Shortage Sharing Benefits

USGS Rio Chama Near La Puente (above El Vado)

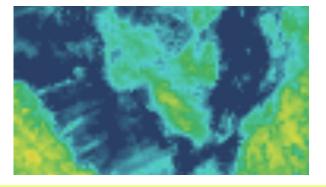


### **Bosque Restoration**

395 acres







### Bosque Restoration

### Causes of degradation

- Channelization Projects
- Sand and gravel mining
- Dam construction on the Rio Chama
- Invasive species

### Impacts of degradation

- Loss of native species
- Increased fire risk
- Disconnected floodplain
- Loss of traditional and cultural resources