

# **PECOS RIVER COMPACT**

**Report of the River Master**

**Water Year 2003**

**Accounting Year 2004**

**Final Report**

June 21, 2004

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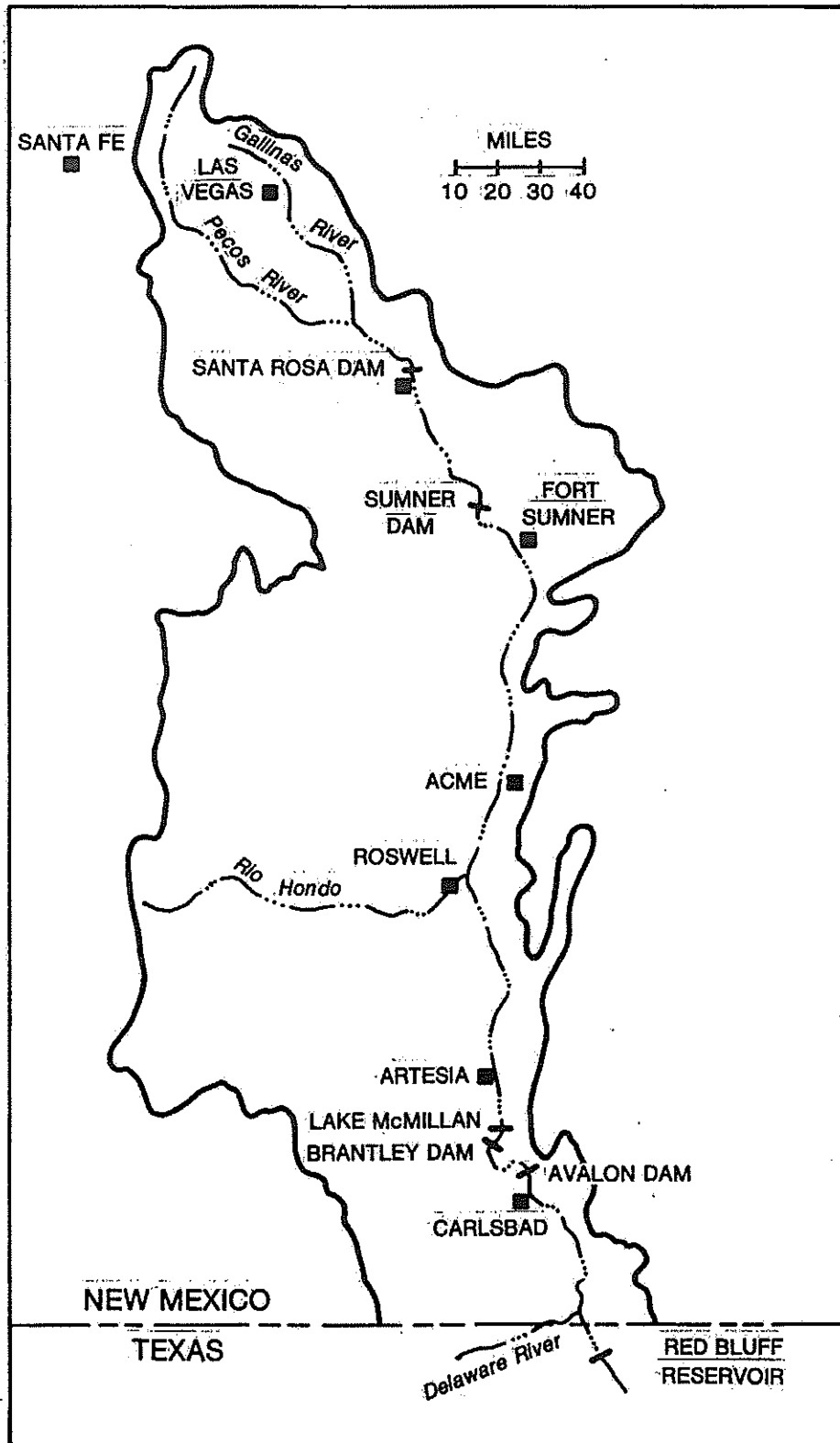
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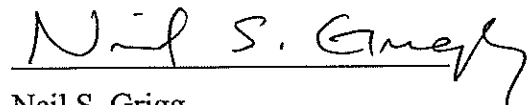
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Purpose of the Report. In its Amended Decree issued March 28, 1988 the Supreme Court of the United States appointed a River Master of the Pecos River and directed him to "... Deliver to the parties a Preliminary Report setting forth the tentative results of the calculations required by Section III.B.1 of this Decree by May 15 of the accounting year..." and to consider "... any written objections to the Preliminary Report submitted by the parties prior to June 15 of the accounting year..." and to deliver "... to the parties a Final Report setting forth the final results of the calculations required by Section III.B.1 of this Decree by July 1 of the accounting year." This is the required Final Report with the determination of:

- a. The Article III(a) obligation;
- b. Any shortfall or overage, which calculation shall disregard deliveries of water pursuant to an Approved Plan;
- c. The net shortfall, if any, after subtracting any overages accumulated in previous years, beginning with water year 1987.

Result of Calculations and Statement of Shortfall or Overage. The results of the calculations in this Final Report show that New Mexico's delivery in Water Year 2003 was an overage of 2,000 acre-feet. The accumulated overage since the beginning of Water Year 1987 is 8,900 acre-feet.



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<b>Pecos River Compact</b>		
<b>Accumulated Shortfall or Overage</b>		
	<b>June 21, 2004</b>	
<b>Water Year</b>	<b>Annual Overage or Shortfall, AF</b>	<b>Accumulated Overage or Shortfall, AF</b>
1987	15,400	15,400
1988	23,600	39,000
1989	2,700	41,700
1990	-14,100	27,600
1991	-16,500	11,100
1992	10,900	22,000
1993	6,600	28,600
1994	5,900	34,500
1995	-14,100	20,400
1996	-6,700	13,700
1997	6,100	19,800
1998	1,700	21,500
1999	1,400	22,900
2000	-12,300	10,600
2001	-700	9,900
2002	-3,000	6,900
2003	2,000	8,900

Table 1. General Calculation of Annual Departures, TAF, WY 2003			
	6/19/2004		
	2001	2002	2003
B.1.a. Index Inflows			
(1) Annual flood inflow			
(a) Gaged flow Pecos R bel Alamogordo Dam	114.9	69.6	69.0
(b) Flood Inflow Alamogordo - Artesia (Table 2)	-13.5	15.8	-1.3
(c) Flood Inflow Artesia - Carlsbad (Table 3)	4.1	20.0	6.3
(d) Flood Inflow Carlsbad - State Line (Table 4)	1.2	6.9	2.2
Total (annual flood inflow)	106.7	112.3	76.2
(2) Index Inflow (3-year avg)			98.4
B.1.b. 1947 Condition Delivery Obligation			
(Index Outflow)			33.6
B.1.c. Average Historical (Gaged) Outflow			
(1) Annual historical outflow			
(a) Gaged Flow Pecos River at Red Bluff NM	43.7	39.7	22.4
(b) Gaged Flow Delaware River nr Red Bluff NM	0.3	2.5	1.3
(c) Annual diversions Permit 3254 into C-2713			0.5
(1) Total Annual Historical Outflow	44.0	42.2	24.2
(2) Average Historical Outflow (3-yr average)			36.8
B.1.d. Annual Departure			
			3.2
C. Adjustments to Computed Departure			
1. Adjustments for Depletions above Alam Dam			
a. Depletions Due to Irrigation (Table 5)	2.3	1.5	3.3
b. Depl fr Operation of Santa Rosa Reservoir (Table 6)	2.8	0.4	1.6
c. Transfer of Water Use to Upstream of AD	0	0	0
Recomputed Index Inflows			
(1) Annual flood inflow			
(a) Gaged flow Pecos R bel Alamogordo Dam	120.0	71.5	73.9
(b) Flood Inflow Alamogordo - Artesia	-13.5	15.8	-1.3
(c) Flood Inflow Artesia - Carlsbad	4.1	20.0	6.3
(d) Flood Inflow Carlsbad - State Line	1.2	6.9	2.2
Total (annual flood inflow)	111.8	114.2	81.1
Recomputed Index Inflow (3-year avg)			102.4
Recomputed 1947 Condition Del Outflow			
(Index Outflow)			35.6
Recomputed Annual Departures			
			1.3
Credits to New Mexico			
C.2 Depletions Due to McMillan Dike			0.7
C.3 Salvage Water Analysis			0
C.4 Unappropriated Flood Waters			0
C.5 Texas Water Stored in NM Reservoirs			0
C.6 Beneficial C.U. Delaware River Water			0
Final Calculated Departure, TAF			
			2.0

Table 2. Determination of Flood Inflows, Alamogordo Dam to Artesia (B.3), WY 2003													
5/1/2004													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOT
Flow bel Sumner Dam	1.5	2.8	5.2	4.8	5.6	28.0	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7	0.7	1.7	69.0
FtSumner Irrig Div	0.0	2.0	4.9	4.1	4.9	5.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.8	0.0	0.0	37.6
Ft Sumner ID Return	0.8	0.6	1.4	1.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.0	0.8	19.9
Flow past FS IDist	2.3	1.4	1.7	2.3	3.1	25.0	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.9	1.7	2.5	51.3
Channel loss	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.4	1.5	4.9	1.0	1.6	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.2	13.9
Residual Flow	2.1	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.6	20.2	2.0	1.2	1.7	2.1	1.0	2.3	37.5
Base Inflow	3.7	3.6	2.6	1.6	0.9	0.8	1.2	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.7	2.5	20.4
River Pump Divers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Residual, Artesia	5.8	4.8	3.7	2.5	2.5	20.9	3.1	1.6	2.4	2.7	2.8	4.8	57.6
Pecos Flow Artesia	5.9	5.5	3.9	2.5	1.6	14.5	5.5	0.6	1.0	8.5	2.8	4.0	56.2
Flood Inflow, AD-Art	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.0	-0.9	-6.5	2.4	-1.0	-1.4	5.8	0.1	-0.8	-1.3

Note: Whenever the computed flow past the District is less than the return flow, set the flow past the District equal to the return flow (Manual, B.3.d).

Table 3. Determination of Flood Inflows, Artesia to Carlsbad, WY 2003 (B.4)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOT
6/19/2004													
Rio Penasco at Dayton	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Fourmile Draw nr Lakew	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
South Seven Rivers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rocky Arroyo at Hwy Br	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Flood Inflow, Art-DS3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Pecos R at Dam Site 3	0.3	0.6	1.6	13.4	6.8	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.6	2.7	6.8	1.1	55.9
CB Sprgs New Water, T7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-8.6
Total Inflow, DS3 - CB	-0.4	-0.1	0.8	12.7	6.0	4.9	5.1	5.0	4.9	2.0	6.0	0.4	47.4
Evap Loss, Lake Avalon, T10	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.2
Storage Chg, Lake Aval, T11	0.0	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.5	-0.7	0.3	-0.4	0.6	1.7
Carls ID diversions	0.1	0.0	0.2	12.1	5.4	4.8	4.3	3.8	5.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	37.7
93% CID diver	0.0	0.0	0.2	11.2	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.6	4.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	35.1
Other depletions	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4
Dark Canyon at Csbad	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pecos b Dark Canyon	1.8	1.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.4	11.1
Pecos R at Carlsbad	1.8	1.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.4	11.0
Total Outflow	1.9	2.2	3.0	12.0	5.9	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.7	2.4	5.5	1.3	53.4
Flood Inflow, DS3-CB	2.3	2.3	2.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.4	-0.6	0.9	6.0
Flood Inflow, Art-CB	2.3	2.3	2.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	-0.6	0.9	6.3



Table 4. Summary Table for Computations, Carlsbad to State Line - WY 2003				
5/1/2004				
	BCB - RE	BCB - RB	Del R	DC
	RM	USGS	USGS	
Jan	0	0	0	0
Feb	186	56	0	0
Mar	119	121	0	0
Apr	0	0	0	0
May	628	551	421	0
Jun	25	736	155	0
Jul	0	8	13	0
Aug	0	0	3	0
Sep	119	99	0	0
Oct	67	67	367	49
Nov	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	16	0	0
Total	1144	1654	959	49
Summary of flood inflows, Carlsbad to State Line, TAF				
	Red Bluff - Carlsbad + Dark C RM calcs)			1.2
	Delaware River (USGS Computation			1.0
	<b>Total Flood Inflow, Carlsbad to State Line</b>			<b>2.2</b>





Table 7. Carlsbad Springs New Water WY 2003 - (B.4.c)				
6/19/2004				
		TAF	cfs	Totals
Pecos R bel DC, cfs	11.1		15.3	15.33
Dark Canyon, cfs	0.0		0.0	0.00
Pecos R bel Lake Av,	5.8		8.0	8.01
Depletion, cfs				2.00
CID lag seep, cfs (Table 8)				3.72
Return flow, cfs				1.00
Lake Av lagged seep, cfs (Table 9)				13.43
PR seepage, cfs				3.00
Carls new water, cfs				-11.83
Carls new wat, TAF				-8.56
Carls new wat monthly, TAF				-0.71

Table 8. Carlsbad Main Canal Seepage Lagged - WY 2003 - [B.4.c.(1)(e)]													
5/1/2004	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
WY 2003													
CID, TAF	0.1	0.0	0.2	12.1	5.4	4.8	4.3	3.8	5.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	37.7
days/mo	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	365
cfs	0.8	0.3	2.7	202.8	87.0	81.2	70.4	62.1	87.6	30.9	0.0	0.0	52.2
cfs, qtr avg			1.3			123.3			73.2			10.4	
WY 2002													
1Q			2Q	3Q	4Q								
FLows, cfs				86.3	13.8								
SEVEN %				6.0	1.0								
WY 2003													
1Q			2Q	3Q	4Q								
FLows, cfs			1.3	123.3	73.2	10.4							
SEVEN %			0.1	8.6	5.1	0.7							
LAG			1.4	4.5	5.5	3.5	Avg = 3.7	cfs					

Table 9. Lake Avalon Leakage Lagged - WY 2003 - B.4.c.(1)(g)													
6/19/2004													
WY 2003	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOT
WS NIM rept	69.50	70.35	72.01	73.00	73.21	73.36	73.22	73.66	73.65	73.35	73.72	73.43	
ga ht, avg*	12.50	13.35	15.01	16.00	16.21	16.36	16.22	16.66	16.65	16.35	16.72	16.43	
cfs	0.0	1.8	9.7	14.5	15.5	16.2	15.5	17.6	17.6	16.2	17.9	16.5	
days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	365
cfs avg	3.9			15.4			16.9			16.9			13.3
2002		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q								
cfs				18.9	17.3								
2003		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q								
cfs		3.9	15.4	16.9	16.9								
lag cfs		10.9	11.9	14.2	16.6	Avg =	13.4	cfs					

\* Computed as WS elev by NM Report minus Gage datum at 3257.0 (USBR datum)

Table 10. Evaporation Loss at Lake Avalon - WY 2003 - (B.4.f)													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOT
5/1/2004													
Av WS NM Rept	69.50	70.35	72.01	73.00	73.21	73.36	73.22	73.66	73.65	73.35	73.72	73.43	
Avalon ga ht, avg, ft*	12.50	13.35	15.01	16.00	16.21	16.36	16.22	16.66	16.65	16.35	16.72	16.43	
Avg area Avalon, ac**	20	109	557	612	625	634	625	652	651	633	658	638	
Panevap Brantley, in.	4.65	5.60	8.94	13.14	15.03	14.56	16.74	14.54	10.54	8.10	4.80	4.34	120.98
Lakeevap Brantley, in.	3.58	4.31	6.88	10.12	11.57	11.21	12.89	11.20	8.12	6.24	3.70	3.34	93.15
Precip Brantley, in.	0.00	1.14	0.37	0.00	0.52	1.31	0.55	1.51	0.16	1.62	0.29	0.00	7.47
Netevap, inches	3.58	3.17	6.51	10.12	11.05	9.90	12.34	9.69	7.96	4.62	3.41	3.34	85.68
Evaploss Av, TAF	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.2
* Computed as WS elev by NM Report minus Gage datum at 3257.0 (USBR datum)													
** Based on USBR Area and Capacity Table in effect January 1, 1997													

Table 11. Change in Storage, Lake Avalon - 2003 - (B.4.g)														
(Gage heights are end of month)														
	5/1/2004													
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOT
	2002	2003												
WS NM Rept	69.90	69.70	71.50	73.10	73.30	73.70	73.20	73.40	74.10	73.00	73.50	72.90	73.90	
Gage EOM, ft*	12.90	12.70	14.50	16.10	16.30	16.70	16.20	16.40	17.10	16.00	16.50	15.90	16.90	
Storage, ACRE-	21	15	324	1209	1333	1590	1271	1397	1857	1147	1461	1086	1722	
Change sto, TAF		0.0	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.5	-0.7	0.3	-0.4	0.6	1.7
* Computed as WS elev by NM Report minus Gage datum at 3257.0 (USBR datum)														
** Based on USBR Area and Capacity Table in effect January 1, 1997														





## **APPENDIX**

# **RIVER MASTER'S RESPONSE TO STATES' OBJECTIONS**

RESPONSE TO STATES' OBJECTIONS  
Final Report, Accounting Year 2004

**NEW MEXICO'S OBJECTIONS**

1. Table 4. Flood Inflow, Carlsbad to Stateline

New Mexico explained the change in plotting results brought about from a change in USGS formatting. This did not lead to an objection to the Preliminary Report because the plotted graphs were used to identify periods of flood inflow but the actual USGS data had been used to compute magnitudes of flood inflow.

2. Table 9. Lake Avalon Leakage Lagged

The River Master accepts New Mexico's objections about the errors in Table 9 where values of leakage from the third and fourth quarters of Water Year 2002 were incorrectly entered. There was one additional error in the table, where the Preliminary Report incorrectly showed -2.3 cfs for the leakage in January of 2003, and this was corrected to zero, thus aligning the River Master's calculation with New Mexico's. The value of 13.4 cfs was entered into a revised Table 7, resulting in a revised Carlsbad Springs New Water of 0.71 cfs. The difference with New Mexico's calculated value of 0.72 cfs must be due to rounding and is insignificant. By inserting the revised value into Table 3, the value of Flood Inflow, Artesia to Carlsbad, becomes 6.3 TAF.

3. Table 12. Data Required For River Master Manual Calculations

New Mexico reported the diversions for Permit Number 3254 into C-2713 and this value has now been entered into Tables 1 and 12. The River Master's values now agree with New Mexico's with a Final Calculated Departure of 2.0 TAF.

**TEXAS'S OBJECTIONS**

1. Base Inflow, Table 2

Texas used a linear interpolation method and obtained a different value than USGS did for the Base Inflow, Acme to Artesia. Texas furnished the spreadsheets but did not present a graphical display so that the River Master and New Mexico could study the reasons for Texas' revision. USGS' computations are shown on a sheet labeled "Annual Work Hydrographs and base-flow separations..." The River Master examined the USGS presentation to see if apparent errors could be corrected with a linear interpolation method. USGS' estimates seem valid and Texas' objection is rejected.

2. Permit 3254 into C-2713

Texas' objection is the same as New Mexico's and is accepted. See New Mexico's objection above for discussion.

3. Table 4, Flood Inflow, Carlsbad to State Line

Texas used a linear interpolation method to arrive at a different result than the Preliminary Report for flood inflow scalping in the Carlsbad to State Line reach. This

objection is rejected for the same reason as in Texas objection No. 1 above. Without a graphical presentation, accompanied with a technical and hydrologic explanation of why the Preliminary Report value should be modified, the River Master lacks good cause to change the Preliminary Report.

**FINAL CALCULATED DEPARTURE.**

The Preliminary Report's Final Calculated Departure was 1.8 TAF. After considering the states' objections, the Final Determination is 2.0 TAF.