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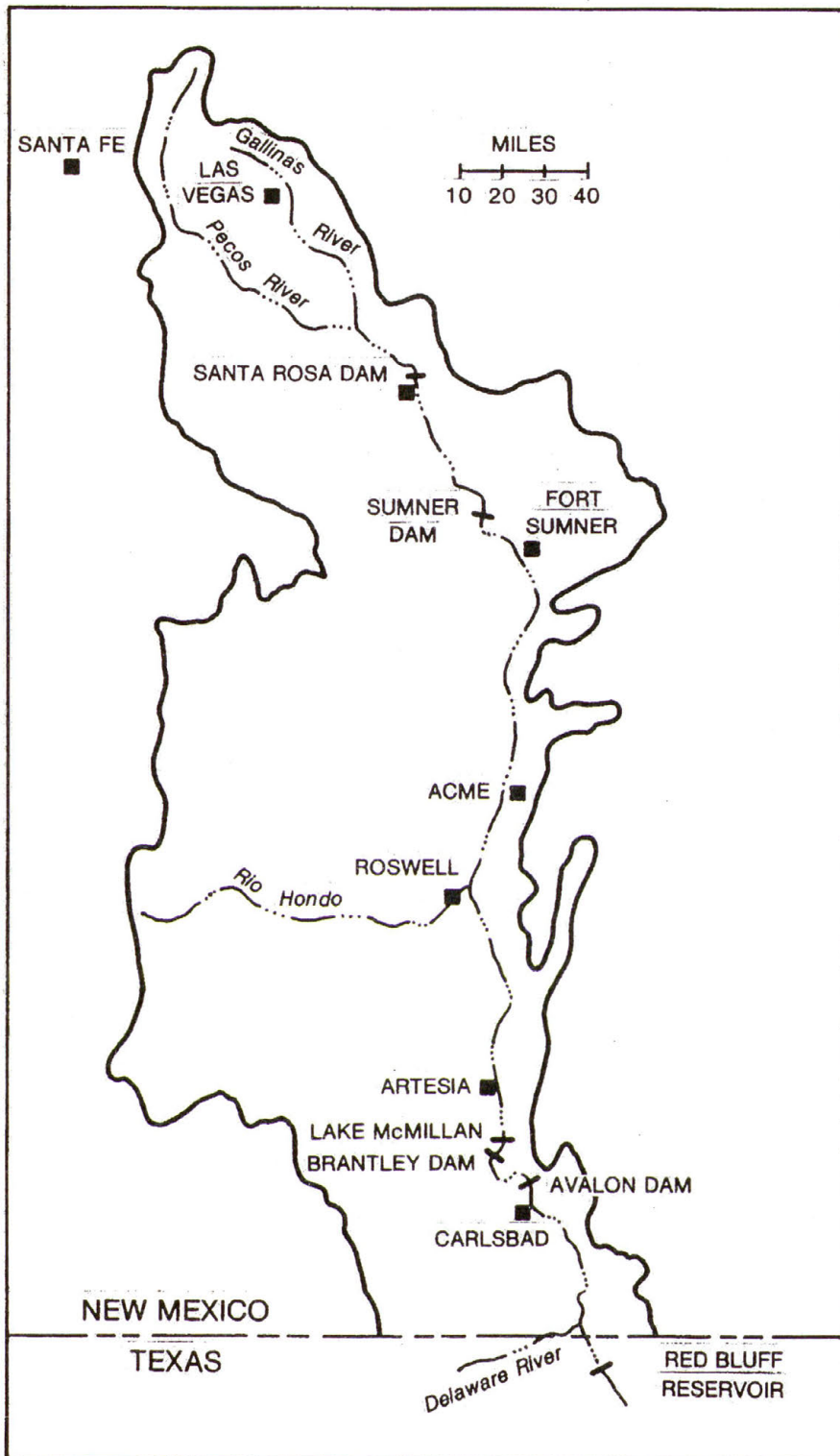
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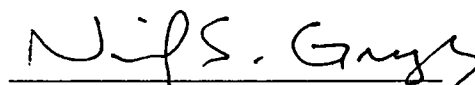
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Purpose of the Report. In its Amended Decree issued March 28, 1988 the Supreme Court of the United States appointed a River Master of the Pecos River and directed him to "... Deliver to the parties a Preliminary Report setting forth the tentative results 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 2012 was an overage of 1,900 acre-feet. The accumulated overage since the beginning of Water Year 1987 is 102,000 acre-feet.



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| Pecos River Compact              |                                 |                                      |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                  |                                 |                                      |
| Accumulated Shortfall or Overage |                                 |                                      |
|                                  | June 24, 2013                   |                                      |
| Water Year                       | Annual Overage or Shortfall, AF | Accumulated Overage or Shortfall, AF |
| 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                                |
| 2004                             | 8,300                           | 17,200                               |
| 2005                             | 24,000                          | 41,200                               |
| 2006                             | 26,100                          | 67,300                               |
| 2007                             | 25,200                          | 92,500                               |
| 2008                             | 6,000                           | 98,500                               |
| 2009                             | 1,600                           | 100,100                              |
| 2010                             | -500                            | 99,600                               |
| 2011                             | 500                             | 100,100                              |
| 2012                             | 1,900                           | 102,000                              |



| Table 1. General Calculation of Annual Departures in TAF (B.1) |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Water Year   | 2012    |         |         |
| 6/24/2013  |         |         |         |
|  | WY 2010 | WY 2011 | WY 2012 |
| B.1.a. Index Inflows   |         |         |         |
| (1) Annual flood inflow  |         |         |         |
| (a) Gaged flow Pecos R bel Alamogordo Dam                      | 116.2   | 87.4    | 64.9    |
| (b) Flood Inflow Alamogordo - Artesia (Table 2)                | 7.9     | -12.2   | -17.2   |
| (c) Flood Inflow Artesia - Carlsbad (Table 3)                  | 10.0    | 12.8    | 11.2    |
| (d) Flood Inflow Carlsbad - State Line (Table 4)               | 9.4     | 0.5     | 3.2     |
| Total (annual flood inflow)                                    | 143.5   | 88.5    | 62.1    |
| (2) Index Inflow (3-year avg)                                  |         |         | 98.0    |
| B.1.b. 1947 Condition Delivery Obligation<br>(Index Outflow)   |         |         | 33.4    |
| B.1.c. Average Historical (Gaged) Outflow                      |         |         |         |
| (1) Annual historical outflow                                  |         |         |         |
| (a) Gaged Flow Pecos River at Red Bluff NM                     | 60.6    | 24.6    | 17.7    |
| (b) Gaged Flow Delaware River nr Red Bluff NM                  | 5.6     | 1.0     | 1.7     |
| (c) Metered diversions Permit 3254 into C-2713                 | 0.0     | 0.0     |         |
| Total Annual Historical Outflow                                | 66.2    | 25.6    | 19.4    |
| (2) Average Historical Outflow (3-yr average)                  |         |         | 37.1    |
| B.1.d. Annual Departure  |         |         | 3.6     |
| C. Adjustments to Computed Departure                           |         |         |         |
| 1. Adjustments for Depletions above Alam Dam                   |         |         |         |
| a. Depletions Due to Irrigation (Table 5)                      | 0.5     | 3.3     | 3.2     |
| b. Depl fr Operation of Santa Rosa Reservoir (Table 6)         | 4.1     | 2.7     | 1.0     |
| 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                      | 120.8   | 93.4    | 69.1    |
| (b) Flood Inflow Alamogordo - Artesia                          | 7.9     | -12.2   | -17.2   |
| (c) Flood Inflow Artesia - Carlsbad                            | 10.0    | 12.8    | 11.2    |
| (d) Flood Inflow Carlsbad - State Line                         | 9.4     | 0.5     | 3.2     |
| Total (annual flood inflow)                                    | 148.1   | 94.5    | 66.3    |
| Recomputed Index Inflow (3-year avg)                           |         |         | 103.0   |
| Recomputed 1947 Condition Del Outflow<br>(Index Outflow)       |         |         | 35.9    |
| Recomputed Annual Departures                                   |         |         | 1.2     |
| 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                                |         |         | 1.9     |





Table 2. Determination of Flood Inflows, Alamogordo Dam to Artesia (B.3)



| Table 3. Determination of Flood Inflows, Artesia to Carlsbad (B.4) |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|--|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Water Year   |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| 5/5/2013   |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|  |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|  |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|  |  | JAN  | FEB  | MAR  | APR  | MAY  | JUN  | JUL  | AUG  | SEPT | OCT  | NOV  | DEC  | TOT   |
| Rio Penasco at Dayton  |  | 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   |
| Fourmile Draw nr Lakew   |  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.1  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.1   |
| South Seven Rivers   |  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.1  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.1   |
| 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  | 0.1  | 0.0  | 0.1  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.2   |
| Pecos R at Dam Site 3  |  | 1.3  | 1.4  | 1.4  | 7.0  | 5.8  | 9.1  | 3.9  | 3.0  | 4.5  | 1.0  | 1.1  | 1.3  | 40.7  |
| CB Sprgs New Water (from Table 7)                                  |  | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -10.6 |
| Total Inflow, DS3 - CB   |  | 0.4  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 6.2  | 4.9  | 8.2  | 3.0  | 2.1  | 3.6  | 0.1  | 0.2  | 0.4  | 30.1  |
| Evap Loss, Lake Avalon (from Table 10)                             |  | 0.3  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.7  | 0.4  | 0.5  | 0.3  | 0.3  | 0.2  | 0.2  | 0.2  | 4.5   |
| Storage Chg, Lake Avalon (from Table 11)                           |  | 0.3  | 0.2  | 0.1  | -1.3 | -0.3 | 0.4  | -0.2 | 0.3  | -0.2 | 0.3  | 0.3  | 0.4  | 0.2   |
| Carls ID diversions  |  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 7.9  | 5.2  | 7.9  | 3.2  | 1.8  | 3.8  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 29.7  |
| 93% CID diver  |  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 7.3  | 4.9  | 7.3  | 3.0  | 1.6  | 3.5  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 27.6  |
| 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  |  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.5  | 0.7  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.6  | 0.6  | 0.7  | 7.4   |
| Pecos R at Carlsbad  |  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.5  | 0.7  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.6  | 0.6  | 0.7  | 7.4   |
| Total Outflow  |  | 1.5  | 1.5  | 1.4  | 7.1  | 6.0  | 8.7  | 4.0  | 2.9  | 4.2  | 1.2  | 1.2  | 1.3  | 41.1  |
| Flood Inflow, DS3-CB   |  | 1.1  | 1.1  | 0.9  | 0.9  | 1.1  | 0.5  | 1.0  | 0.8  | 0.6  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 0.9  | 11.0  |
| Flood Inflow, Art-CB   |  | 1.1  | 1.1  | 0.9  | 0.9  | 1.2  | 0.5  | 1.1  | 0.9  | 0.7  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 0.9  | 11.2  |



Table 4. Summary Table for Computations, Carlsbad to State Line (B.5)

| Water Year   | 2012     |           |       |            |  |
|--|----------|-----------|-------|------------|--|
| 5/5/2013   |          |           |       |            |  |
|  | BCB - RB | BCB - RB* | Del R | DC         |  |
|  | RM       | USGS      | USGS  |            |  |
| Jan  | 0.0      | 0.0       | 0.0   | 0.0        |  |
| Feb  | 0.0      | 0.0       | 0.0   | 0.0        |  |
| Mar  | 0.0      | 0.0       | 0.0   | 0.0        |  |
| Apr  | 0.1      | 0.2       | 0.0   | 0.0        |  |
| May  | 0.4      | 0.6       | 0.2   | 0.0        |  |
| Jun  | 0.0      | 0.0       | 0.0   | 0.0        |  |
| Jul  | 0.3      | 0.4       | 0.9   | 0.0        |  |
| Aug  | 0.3      | 0.2       | 0.0   | 0.0        |  |
| Sep  | 0.4      | 0.5       | 0.0   | 0.0        |  |
| Oct  | 0.4      | 0.4       | 0.0   | 0.0        |  |
| Nov  | 0.1      | 0.0       | 0.0   | 0.0        |  |
| Dec  | 0.0      | 0.0       | 0.0   | 0.0        |  |
| Total  | 2.1      | 2.4       | 1.1   | 0.0        |  |
|  |          |           |       |            |  |
|  |          |           |       |            |  |
| Summary of flood inflows, Carlsbad to State Line, TAF                                  |          |           |       |            |  |
|  |          |           |       |            |  |
| Red Bluff - Carlsbad + Dark C RM calcs)  |          |           |       | 2.1        |  |
| Delaware River (USGS Computation)  |          |           |       | 1.1        |  |
| <b>Total Flood Inflow, Carlsbad to State Line</b>                                      |          |           |       | <b>3.2</b> |  |
|  |          |           |       |            |  |
| * USGS calculations BCB-RB for comparison only. Note that in AY 2013                   |          |           |       |            |  |
| Texas presented a set of corrected values based on apparent errors.                    |          |           |       |            |  |
| These values are not used in the Final Determination, but this note is for the record. |          |           |       |            |  |





**Table 5. Depletions Due to Irrigation Above Sumner Dam (C.1.a)**



Table 6. Depletions Due to Santa Rosa Reservoir Operations (C.1.b)



| Table 7. Carlsbad Springs New Water [B.4.c.(2)] |      |     |        |      |        |
|---|------|-----|--------|------|--------|
| Water Year                                      | 2012 |     |        |      |        |
| 5/4/2013  |      |     |        |      |        |
|   |      | TAF | AF/day | cfs  | Totals |
| Pecos R bel DC                                  |      | 7.4 | 20.2   | 10.2 | 10.2   |
| Dark Canyon                                     |      | 0.0 | 0.0    | 0.0  | 0.0    |
| Pecos R bel Lake Avalon                         |      | 0.0 | 0.0    | 0.0  | 0.0    |
| Depletion, cfs                                  |      |     |        |      | 2.0    |
| CID lag seep, cfs (from Table 8)                |      |     |        |      | 3.0    |
| Return flow, cfs                                |      |     |        |      | 1.0    |
| Lake Av lagged seep, cfs (from Table 9)         |      |     |        |      | 19.9   |
| PR seepage, cfs                                 |      |     |        |      | 3.0    |
| Carls new water, cfs                            |      |     |        |      | -14.7  |
| Carls new wat, TAF                              |      |     |        |      | -10.6  |
| Carls new wat monthly, TAF                      |      |     |        |      | -0.9   |





| Table 8. Carlsbad Main Canal Seepage Lagged [B.4.c.(2)(e)] |      |     |       |       |      |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
|--|------|-----|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Water Year   | 2012 |     |       |       |      |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| 5/4/2013   |      |     |       |       |      |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
|  | JAN  | FEB | MAR   | APR   | MAY  | JUN   | JUL  | AUG  | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC | TOTAL |
| WY 2012  |      |     |       |       |      |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| CID, TAF   | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0   | 7.9   | 5.2  | 7.9   | 3.2  | 1.8  | 3.8  | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 29.7  |
| days/mo  | 31   | 29  | 31    | 30    | 31   | 30    | 31   | 31   | 30   | 31  | 30  | 31  | 366   |
| cfs  | 0    | 0.0 | 0.0   | 132.1 | 84.9 | 132.8 | 51.7 | 28.8 | 63.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 41.2  |
| cfs, qtr avg   |      |     | 0.0   |       |      | 116.2 |      |      | 47.9 |     |     | 0.0 |       |
| WY 2011  |      | 1Q  | 2Q    | 3Q    | 4Q   |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| FLows, cfs   |      |     |       | 76.2  | 6.7  |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| SEVEN %  |      |     |       | 5.3   | 0.5  |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| WY 2012 lagged   |      | 1Q  | 2Q    | 3Q    | 4Q   |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| FLows, cfs   |      | 0.0 | 116.2 | 47.9  | 0.0  |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| SEVEN %  |      | 0.0 | 8.1   | 3.4   | 0.0  |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |       |
| LAG  |      | 1.0 | 4.1   | 4.4   | 2.5  | Avg = | 3.0  | cfs  |      |     |     |     |       |

















| Water Year   | 2012   |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 6/18/2013  |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|  | JAN    | FEB    | MAR   | APR    | MAY    | JUN    | JUL   | AUG   | SEPT  | OCT   | NOV   | DEC   | TOTAL |
| <b>STREAMFLOW GAGING RECORDS, TAF</b>  |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Pecos R b Sumner Dam   | 1.0    | 1.2    | 18.8  | 6.4    | 8.5    | 8.22   | 5.5   | 4.1   | 4.040 | 4.4   | 1.5   | 1.3   | 64.9  |
| Fort Sumner Main C   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 4.9   | 5.2    | 6.0    | 4.3    | 4.0   | 3.9   | 3.9   | 4.2   | 0.3   | 0.0   | 36.6  |
| Pecos R nr Artesia   | 3.1    | 2.5    | 10.2  | 3.5    | 2.5    | 0.7    | 1.9   | 0.0   | 0.1   | 1.1   | 1.3   | 2.4   | 29.3  |
| Rio Penasco at Dayton  | 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   |
| Fourmile Draw nr Lakewood  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1   |
| South Seven Rivers nr Lkwd   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1   |
| Rocky Arroyo at Hwy Br nr  | 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 R at Dam Site 3  | 1.3    | 1.4    | 1.4   | 7.0    | 5.8    | 9.1    | 3.9   | 3.0   | 4.5   | 1.0   | 1.1   | 1.3   | 40.7  |
| Pecos bel Avalon Dam   | 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   |
| Carlsbad Main Canal  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 7.9    | 5.2    | 7.9    | 3.2   | 1.8   | 3.8   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 29.7  |
| Dark Canyon at Carlsbad  | 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 below Dark Canyon  | 0.8    | 0.7    | 0.7   | 0.5    | 0.7    | 0.5    | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.7   | 7.4   |
| Pecos R at Red Bluff   | 1.9    | 1.7    | 1.6   | 1.3    | 1.6    | 0.8    | 1.3   | 1.0   | 1.2   | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.9   | 17.7  |
| Delaware R nr Red Bluff  | 0.1    | 0.1    | 0.1   | 0.1    | 0.3    | 0.0    | 0.9   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1   | 0.1   | 1.7   |
| <b>GAGE HEIGHTS</b>  |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Avalon gage ht, end mo   | 75.10  | 75.40  | 75.50 | 73.60  | 73.10  | 73.70  | 73.40 | 73.90 | 73.60 | 74.00 | 74.50 | 75.00 |       |
| Avalon gage ht, avg  | 75.01  | 75.28  | 75.46 | 73.60  | 73.58  | 73.30  | 74.13 | 73.56 | 73.62 | 73.81 | 74.30 | 74.76 |       |
| Sumner Lake ga ht, end mo  | 47.16  | 49.38  | 37.85 | 33.06  | 34.51  | 36.55  | 31.91 | 36.99 | 36.21 | 35.04 | 40.12 | 44.34 |       |
| Sumner Lake gage ht, avg   | 45.72  | 48.37  | 45.43 | 36.06  | 33.55  | 35.53  | 34.16 | 32.82 | 36.04 | 35.71 | 37.76 | 42.41 |       |
| Lake S Rosa ga ht, end mo*   | 100.90 | 100.85 | 93.89 | 107.23 | 103.18 | 95.04  | 94.47 | 90.19 | 90.14 | 90.62 | 90.52 | 90.53 |       |
| Lake S Rosa ga ht, avg*  | 100.92 | 100.91 | 96.82 | 101.18 | 107.62 | 101.29 | 94.77 | 93.07 | 90.01 | 90.70 | 90.56 | 90.51 |       |
| * values are referred to 4600 foot level                                     |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <b>PRECIPITATION, INCHES</b>   |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Brantley Lake  | 0.11   | 0.17   | 0.14  | 0.90   | 2.82   | 0.02   | 3.65  | 1.04  | 2.38  | 0.07  | 0.05  | 0.16  | 11.51 |
| Las Vegas FAA AP   | 0.07   | 0.13   | 0.25  | 0.53   | 1.10   | 0.82   | 1.60  | 1.67  | 0.84  | 0.36  | 0.03  | 0.20  | 7.60  |
| Pecos National Monument  | 0.65   | 0.06   | 0.09  | 0.63   | 0.59   | 0.88   | 1.57  | 1.64  | 1.17  | 0.41  | 0.20  | 1.09  | 8.98  |
| Santa Rosa*  | 0.00   | 0.21   | 0.13  | 0.05   | 1.52   | 0.15   | 1.71  | 1.48  | 1.96  | 0.40  | 0.00  | 0.40  | 8.01  |
| Lake Santa Rosa  | 0.00   | 0.16   | 0.11  | 0.23   | 1.10   | 0.31   | 0.65  | 2.80  | 1.40  | 0.38  | 0.00  | 0.71  | 7.85  |
| Sumner Lake  | 0.00   | 0.24   | 0.19  | 0.00   | 0.21   | 0.16   | 0.41  | 2.97  | 0.29  | 0.24  | 0.00  | 0.41  | 5.12  |
| * Note: data from Santa Rosa dam was substituted for missing Santa Rosa data |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <b>PAN EVAPORATION, INCHES</b>   |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Lake Santa Rosa  | 3.72   | 5.16   | 9.27  | 8.     |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |



## **APPENDIX**

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



# **RESPONSE TO STATES' OBJECTIONS**

Final Report, Accounting Year 2013

## **NEW MEXICO'S OBJECTIONS**

### **1. Table 2. Determination of Flood Inflows, Alamogordo Dam to Artesia (B.3), WY 2012**

New Mexico reported that the USGS report of base inflow (Tables 2 and 12) carried forward the values from Water Year 2011. The report provided new values for Water Year 2012 but did not place them on the summary of rounded values. New Mexico's objection is accepted, and the revised values are shown on Tables 2 and 12.

### **2. Table 7. Carlsbad Springs New Water WY 2012- (B.4.c)**

New Mexico reported a potential leap year error. However, the calculation for Pecos R. bel DC for AF/day already used a 366 day year so this objection is rejected.

### **3. Table 9. Lake Avalon Leakage Lagged - WY 2012 - B.4.c.(1)(g)**

New Mexico reported a potential leap year error and provided a revised table. A check shows this to be a valid objection, and it is accepted.

### **4. Table 12. Data Required for River Master Manual Calculations, Water Year 2012**

As noted for Objection 1, Table 12 has been corrected.

### **5. Table 1. General Calculation of Annual Departures, TAF, WY 2012**

Table 1 has been modified to take into account New Mexico's objections.

## **TEXAS'S OBJECTIONS**

### **1. Table 2. Determination of Flood Inflows, Alamogordo Dam to Artesia (B.3), WY 2012**

Texas reported the same error as New Mexico, relative to the base inflows. Texas also found a leap year error in the USGS table and noted the need to round off to the nearest acre-foot, consistent with the River Master's Manual. Texas's revised table of USGS computations is accepted. Tables 2 and 12 in the Preliminary Report, which report the base inflow in TAF, remain the same, when rounded to the nearest 0.1 TAF.

Texas also noted the need to revise the line on Table 12 to read: "Pumping, C-2713, Malaga Bend Project." This revision has been made with an abbreviation to retain the formatting of the table.

### **2. Table 11. Change in Storage, Lake Avalon - WY 2012 - (B.4.g).**

Texas noted that Table 11, which refers to the original section of the River Master's Manual, should refer to Section B.4.d.(2). This suggestion and those in Texas comments 3, 4, and 5 are accepted. The designation for Table 7 has also been changed for the same





reason and the Annual Report Tables now refer to section numbers in the updated version of the Manual. An appendix is added to these responses to comprise an explanation and crosswalk between the old and new Manual section numbers.

**3. Table 10. Evaporation Loss at Lake Avalon - WY 2012 - (B.4.f)**

See comment 2 above.

**4. Table 9. Lake Avalon Leakage Lagged - WY 2012 - B.4.c.(1)(g)**

See comment 2 above.

**5. Table 8. Carlsbad Main Canal Seepage Lagged - WY 2012.1 - [B.4.c.(1)(e)]**

See comment 2 above.

**6. Table 1. General Calculation of Annual Departures in TAF (B.1) and Table 4. Summary Table for Computations, Carlsbad to State Line (B.5).**

Texas identified precipitation events on gages other than those near Carlsbad, and suggested a correlation between the events and hydrograph rises that were not counted as flood inflow in the Preliminary Report. The main events identified, as shown on Texas' Exhibit E, comprise six episodes in mid-February, early- to mid-March, early- to mid-April, early-June, mid-October, and mid-December. These total some 3,000 AF, according to Texas' estimate. The largest of these, from inspection of the graphs on Exhibit E, are in early- to mid-April and mid-October.

Due to the small sizes and similar colors of the bar graphs on Exhibit E, my conclusion about the additional events starting about April 3 and about April 13 is that Texas' has correlated them with the raingage called Roswell Climate. Apparently, Texas correlated the event starting about October 10 with the raingage at Caprock. Both the Roswell Climate and Caprock gages appear to be well to the north of Carlsbad. Although Caprock is shown on Texas' Exhibit B as south of Roswell, the town of Caprock is actually about at the same latitude as Roswell. This information indicates that runoff from rainfall in those areas would appear at Carlsbad and should not be accounted as runoff in the Carlsbad to State Line reach.

The current Manual language about flood inflow in the Carlsbad to State Line reach resulted from the modification determination for New Mexico's Sixth Motion, and is dated November 25, 1991. To evaluate the Sixth Motion, the River Master considered both accuracy and consistency in annual accounting. Accuracy requires that relevant information be considered to identify flood events in the reach and consistency requires that these be identified using procedures that are similar to those leading to the Manual's formulas that determine New Mexico's delivery obligation under the Amended Decree. This means that rainfall in the reach should be significant and that additional data, such as runoff from tributaries to the reach should be considered. None of the tributaries named in the current Manual language show significant increased runoff in the April and October periods considered. Figure 5 in Texas Exhibit 108 dated November 30, 1987 shows how the past analysts evaluated the hydrographs with indications of "operational rise" to show events that were not runoff caused by precipitation in the Carlsbad-Red



Bluff area. Consistency with this approach, which was adopted by the Court in the Amended Decree, requires adherence to these requirements. Therefore, this objection is rejected. There is therefore no need to amend Table 1 as mentioned in Texas' objection, although Texas' Table 1 shows the same delivery obligation as the River Master and New Mexico, that is, an overage of 1.9TAF.

**7. Table 4. Summary Table for Computations, Carlsbad to State Line (B.5).**

Texas presented a table to correct apparent errors in the USGS calculations. This correction of apparent errors is noted and a note placed on Table 4. However, Table 4 will retain the same numbers as the original report to show the results of USGS's calculations, which are not used directly in runoff accounting and do not require correction.

The River Master also notes that in Texas' proposed Table 4 values based on its computations a value of 2.2 TAF is presented, which is slightly different than the 2.3 TAF noted in its objection number 6. This is noted here only for the record.

**FINAL CALCULATED DEPARTURE**

The Preliminary Report's Final Calculated Departure was an overage of 2.0 TAF. After considering the states' objections, the Final Determination is an overage of 1.9 TAF.



## **Crosswalk between 1988 River Master's Manual and current version**

June 20, 2013

The Pecos River Master's Manual has been used for annual accounting since the first year of the Amended Decree, which was Accounting Year 1988. The Manual originated as Texas Exhibit 108 during the proceedings before the Special Masters and the Supreme Court. During those proceedings, computations were prepared using computer programs based on Fortran coding and explained in Texas Exhibit 79.

After the Amended Decree and with the availability of spreadsheet technology, it was possible to make the computations more user-friendly and transparent by displaying them on tables. The tables in the annual report were based on the computations that form the basis for the Court-approved River Master's Manual procedures. The tables were organized to display the results of computations in a clear and logical sequence that follows the organization of the Manual.

Subsequent to 1988, several motions were approved with changes in the numbering in the River Master's Manual, which was republished in 2003. Although the motions changed some computational procedures, the tables in the River Master's annual report remain unchanged, except for minor alterations. For the Final Report of Accounting Year 2013, slight changes were made in the headings of these tables to conform to the current version of the Manual. The following listing is a crosswalk to coordinate the old and new titles of the tables.

| Table |   | 1988<br>RMM  | Current<br>RMM |
|-------|---|--------------|----------------|
| 1     | General Calculation of Annual Departures, TAF             | B.1          | B.1            |
| 2     | Determination of Flood Inflows, Alamogordo Dam to Artesia | B.3          | B.3            |
| 3     | Determination of Flood Inflows, Artesia to Carlsbad       | B.4          | B.4            |
| 4     | Summary Table for Computations, Carlsbad to State Line    | B.5          | B.5            |
| 5     | Depletions Due to Irrigation Above Sumner Dam             | C.1.a        | C.1.a          |
| 6     | Depletions Due to Santa Rosa Reservoir Operations         | C.1.b        | C.1.b          |
| 7     | Carlsbad Springs New Water                                | B.4.c        | B.4.c.(2)      |
| 8     | Carlsbad Main Canal Seepage Lagged                        | B.4.c.(1)(e) | B.4.c.(2)(e)   |
| 9     | Lake Avalon Leakage Lagged                                | B.4.c.(1)(g) | B.4.c.(2)(g)   |
| 10    | Evaporation Loss at Lake Avalon                           | B.4.f        | B.4.d.(1)      |
| 11    | Change in Storage, Lake Avalon                            | B.4.g        | B.4.d.(2)      |
| 12    | Data Required for River Master Manual Calculations        |              |                |











