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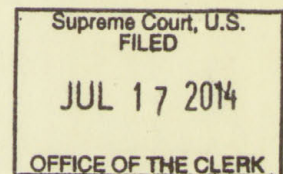
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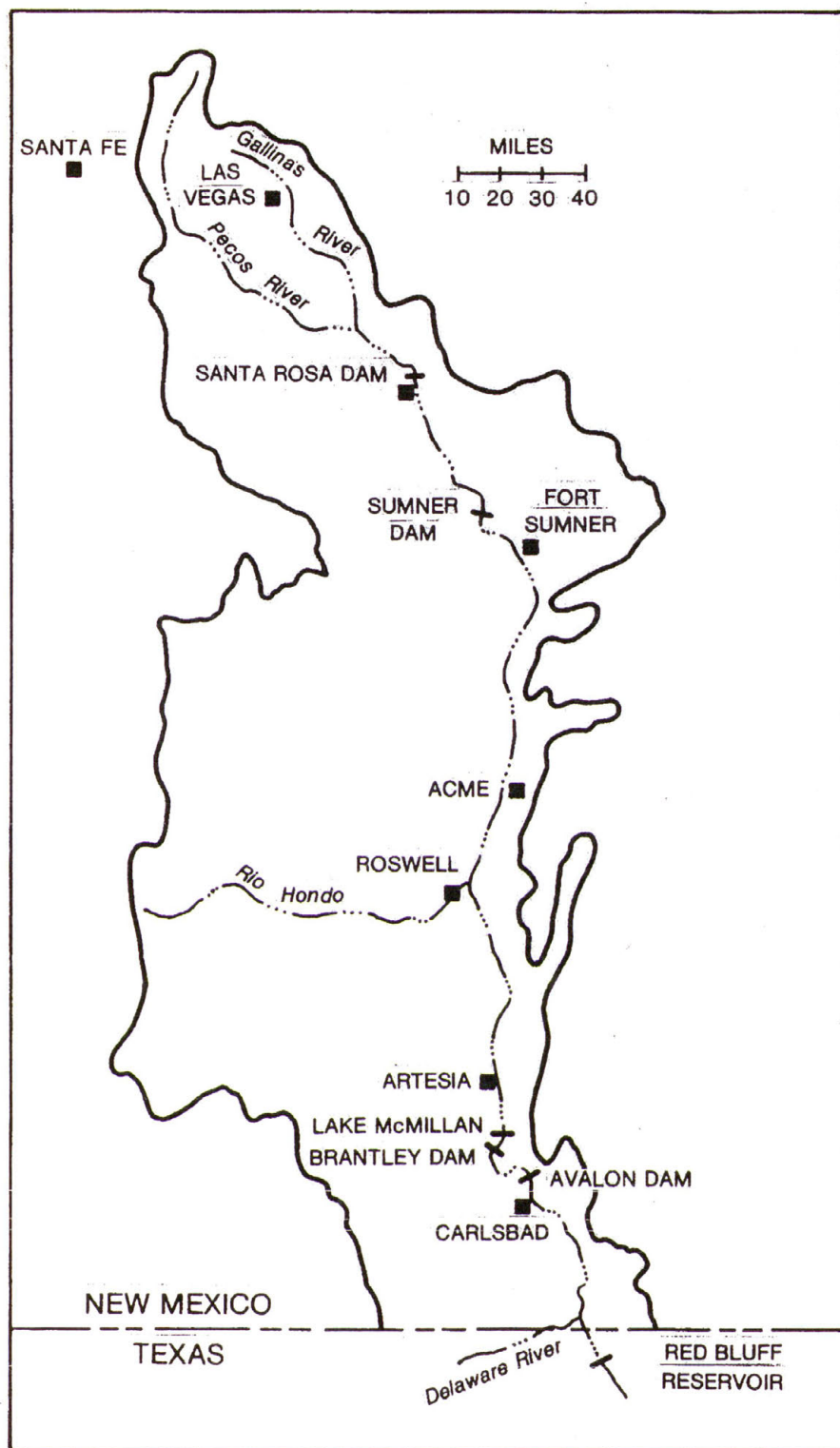
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Map of Pecos River Basin Showing Accounting Reaches





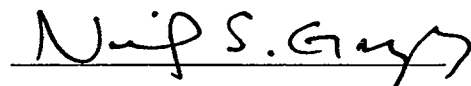
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Purpose of the Report. In its Amended Decree issued March 28, 1988 the Supreme Court of the United States appointed a River Master of the Pecos River and directed him to "... Deliver to the parties a Preliminary Report setting forth the tentative results 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 2013 was a shortfall of 6,200 1,900 acre-feet. The accumulated overage since the beginning of Water Year 1987 is 95,800 acre-feet.



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| Pecos River Compact              |                                 |                                      |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                  |                                 |                                      |
| Accumulated Shortfall or Overage |                                 |                                      |
| June 27, 2014                    |                                 |                                      |
|                                  |                                 |                                      |
| 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                              |
| 2013                             | -6,200                          | 95,800                               |



| Table 1. General Calculation of Annual Departures in TAF (B.1) |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Water Year   | 2013    |         |         |
| 6/27/2014  |         |         |         |
|  | WY 2011 | WY 2012 | WY 2013 |
| B.1.a. Index Inflows   |         |         |         |
| (1) Annual flood inflow  |         |         |         |
| (a) Gaged flow Pecos R bel Alamogordo Dam                      | 87.4    | 64.9    | 63.6    |
| (b) Flood Inflow Alamogordo - Artesia (Table 2)                | -12.2   | -17.2   | 54.4    |
| (c) Flood Inflow Artesia - Carlsbad (Table 3)                  | 12.8    | 11.2    | 39.9    |
| (d) Flood Inflow Carlsbad - State Line (Table 4)               | 0.5     | 3.2     | 23.2    |
| Total (annual flood inflow)                                    | 88.5    | 62.1    | 181.1   |
| (2) Index Inflow (3-year avg)                                  |         |         | 110.6   |
| B.1.b. 1947 Condition Delivery Obligation<br>(Index Outflow)   |         |         | 39.7    |
| B.1.c. Average Historical (Gaged) Outflow                      |         |         |         |
| (1) Annual historical outflow                                  |         |         |         |
| (a) Gaged Flow Pecos River at Red Bluff NM                     | 24.6    | 17.7    | 51.0    |
| (b) Gaged Flow Delaware River nr Red Bluff NM                  | 1.0     | 1.7     | 12.2    |
| (c) Metered diversions Permit 3254 into C-2713                 | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.7     |
| Total Annual Historical Outflow                                | 25.6    | 19.4    | 63.9    |
| (2) Average Historical Outflow (3-yr average)                  |         |         | 36.3    |
| B.1.d. Annual Departure  |         |         | -3.4    |
| C. Adjustments to Computed Departure                           |         |         |         |
| 1. Adjustments for Depletions above Alam Dam                   |         |         |         |
| a. Depletions Due to Irrigation (Table 5)                      | 3.3     | 3.2     | 2.0     |
| b. Depl fr Operation of Santa Rosa Reservoir (Table 6)         | 2.7     | 1.0     | 8.6     |
| 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                      | 93.4    | 69.1    | 74.2    |
| (b) Flood Inflow Alamogordo - Artesia                          | -12.2   | -17.2   | 54.4    |
| (c) Flood Inflow Artesia - Carlsbad                            | 12.8    | 11.2    | 39.9    |
| (d) Flood Inflow Carlsbad - State Line                         | 0.5     | 3.2     | 23.2    |
| Total (annual flood inflow)                                    | 94.5    | 66.3    | 191.7   |
| Recomputed Index Inflow (3-year avg)                           |         |         | 117.5   |
| Recomputed 1947 Condition Del Outflow<br>(Index Outflow)       |         |         | 43.3    |
| Recomputed Annual Departures                                   |         |         | -7.0    |
| Credits to New Mexico  |         |         |         |
| C.2 Depletions Due to McMillan Dike                            |         |         | 0.8     |
| 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                                |         |         | -6.2    |



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





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



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

|  |          |           |       |             |  |
|--|----------|-----------|-------|-------------|--|
| Water Year   | 2013     |           |       |             |  |
| 6/27/2014  |          |           |       |             |  |
|  |          |           |       |             |  |
|  | BCB - RB | BCB - RB* | Del R | DC          |  |
|  | RM       | USGS      | USGS  |             |  |
| Jan  | 0.1      | 0.1       | 0.0   | 0.0         |  |
| Feb  | 0.0      | 0.1       | 0.0   | 0.0         |  |
| Mar  | 0.0      | 0.1       | 0.0   | 0.0         |  |
| Apr  | 0.0      | 0.1       | 0.0   | 0.0         |  |
| May  | 0.0      | 0.1       | 0.0   | 0.0         |  |
| Jun  | 0.2      | 0.2       | 0.0   | 0.0         |  |
| Jul**  | 0.0      | -0.2      | 4.0   | 0.7         |  |
| Aug  | 0.0      | 0.2       | 0.0   | 0.0         |  |
| Sep**  | 0.0      | -12.0     | 6.4   | 11.7        |  |
| Oct  | 0.1      | 3.3       | 0.0   | 0.0         |  |
| Nov  | 0.0      | 0.2       | 0.0   | 0.0         |  |
| Dec  | 0.0      | 0.0       | 0.0   | 0.0         |  |
| Total  | 0.4      | -7.8      | 10.4  | 12.4        |  |
|  |          |           |       |             |  |
|  |          |           |       |             |  |
| Summary of flood inflows, Carlsbad to State Line, TAF          |          |           |       |             |  |
|  |          |           |       |             |  |
| Red Bluff - Carlsbad + Dark C RM calcs)                        |          |           |       | 12.8        |  |
| Delaware River (USGS Computation)                              |          |           |       | 10.4        |  |
| <b>Total Flood Inflow, Carlsbad to State Line</b>              |          |           |       | <b>23.2</b> |  |
|  |          |           |       |             |  |
| * USGS calculations BCB-RB for comparison only.                |          |           |       |             |  |
| ** Dark Canyon Draw flow adjusted, see Appendix for discussion |          |           |       |             |  |



| Table 5. Depletions Due to Irrigation Above Sumner Dam (C.1.a) |            |          |      |      |      |      |      |       |     |       |  |
|--|------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----|-------|--|
|  | Water Year |          | APR  | MAY  | JUN  | JUL  | AUG  | SEPT  | OCT | TOTAL |  |
|  | 2013       | 5/3/2014 |      |      |      |      |      |       |     |       |  |
| Precip Las Vegas FAA AP  | 0.08       | 0.22     | 1.28 | 4.41 | 1.56 | 7.31 | 0.30 | 15.16 |     |       |  |
| Eff prec Las Veg FAA AP  | 0.08       | 0.22     | 1.21 | 3.55 | 1.46 | 4.10 | 0.29 | 10.91 |     |       |  |
| Precip Pecos Natl Monument                                     | 0.08       | 0.30     | 0.84 | 1.96 | 1.96 | 7.02 | 0.60 | 12.76 |     |       |  |
| Eff Precip Pecos RS  | 0.08       | 0.29     | 0.82 | 1.80 | 1.80 | 4.10 | 0.59 | 9.48  |     |       |  |
| Precip Santa Rosa  | 0.01       | 0.19     | 2.01 | 2.64 | 0.69 | 8.51 | 0.08 | 14.13 |     |       |  |
| Eff Precip Santa Ro  | 0.01       | 0.19     | 1.84 | 2.32 | 0.67 | 4.10 | 0.08 | 9.21  |     |       |  |
| Average eff precip, ft   | 0.00       | 0.02     | 0.11 | 0.21 | 0.11 | 0.34 | 0.03 | 0.82  |     |       |  |
| Consumptive use, ft  | 0.19       | 0.36     | 0.36 | 0.30 | 0.27 | 0.18 | 0.11 | 1.77  |     |       |  |
| Unit depletion rate (CU less eff precip), ft                   | 0.19       | 0.34     | 0.25 | 0.09 | 0.16 | 0.00 | 0.08 | 1.11  |     |       |  |
| Acres (most recent inventory)                                  | 11529      |          |      |      |      |      |      |       |     |       |  |
| Streamflow depletion (actual use), AF                          | 12791      |          |      |      |      |      |      |       |     |       |  |
| 1947 depletion, AF   | 10804      |          |      |      |      |      |      |       |     |       |  |
| Difference (actual use - 1947 depletion), TAF                  | 2.0        |          |      |      |      |      |      |       |     |       |  |
| Adjustment to Gaged Flow, Pecos River below Sumner Dam, TAF =  |            |          |      |      |      |      |      | 2.0   |     |       |  |



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





| Table 7. Carlsbad Springs New Water [B.4.c.(2)] |      |      |        |      |        |
|---|------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Water Year                                      | 2013 |      |        |      |        |
| 6/27/2014                                       |      |      |        |      |        |
|   |      | TAF  | AF/day | cfs  | Totals |
| Pecos R bel DC                                  |      | 51.7 | 141.2  | 71.2 | 71.2   |
| Dark Canyon                                     |      | 25.8 | 70.6   | 35.6 | 35.6   |
| Pecos R bel Lake Avalon                         |      | 27.8 | 75.9   | 38.3 | 38.3   |
| Depletion, cfs                                  |      |      |        |      | 2.0    |
| CID lag seep, cfs (from Table 8)                |      |      |        |      | 2.5    |
| Return flow, cfs                                |      |      |        |      | 1.0    |
| Lake Av lagged seep, cfs (from Table 9)         |      |      |        |      | 22.3   |
| PR seepage, cfs                                 |      |      |        |      | 3.0    |
| Carls new water, cfs                            |      |      |        |      | -29.5  |
| Carls new wat, TAF                              |      |      |        |      | -21.4  |
| Carls new wat monthly, TAF                      |      |      |        |      | -1.8   |



| Table 8. Carlsbad Main Canal Seepage Lagged [B.4.c.(2)(e)] |      |     |      |      |      |       |     |      |      |       |     |      |       |
|--|------|-----|------|------|------|-------|-----|------|------|-------|-----|------|-------|
| Water Year   | 2013 |     |      |      |      |       |     |      |      |       |     |      |       |
| 5/3/2014   |      |     |      |      |      |       |     |      |      |       |     |      |       |
|  | JAN  | FEB | MAR  | APR  | MAY  | JUN   | JUL | AUG  | SEPT | OCT   | NOV | DEC  | TOTAL |
| WY 2013  |      |     |      |      |      |       |     |      |      |       |     |      |       |
| CID, TAF   | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0  | 4.9  | 3.8  | 2.5   | 0.0 | 3.7  | 4.0  | 14.1  | 0.0 | 0.0  | 33.0  |
| days/mo  | 31   | 28  | 31   | 30   | 31   | 30    | 31  | 31   | 30   | 31    | 30  | 31   | 365   |
| cfs  | 0    | 0.0 | 0.0  | 81.8 | 62.1 | 42.7  | 0.0 | 59.7 | 67.6 | 228.5 | 0.0 | 0.0  | 45.2  |
| cfs, qtr avg   |      |     | 0.0  |      |      | 62.2  |     |      | 42.1 |       |     | 77.0 |       |
| WY 2012  |      | 1Q  | 2Q   | 3Q   | 4Q   |       |     |      |      |       |     |      |       |
| FLows, cfs   |      |     |      | 47.9 | 0.0  |       |     |      |      |       |     |      |       |
| SEVEN %  |      |     |      | 3.4  | 0.0  |       |     |      |      |       |     |      |       |
| WY 2013 lagged   |      | 1Q  | 2Q   | 3Q   | 4Q   |       |     |      |      |       |     |      |       |
| FLows, cfs   |      | 0.0 | 62.2 | 42.1 | 77.0 |       |     |      |      |       |     |      |       |
| SEVEN %  |      | 0.0 | 4.4  | 2.9  | 5.4  |       |     |      |      |       |     |      |       |
| LAG  |      | 0.6 | 2.2  | 2.9  | 4.4  | Avg = | 2.5 | cfs  |      |       |     |      |       |

















| Water Year                               | 2013  |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 6/27/2014                                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
|  | JAN   | FEB   | MAR   | APR   | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | AUG    | SEPT   | OCT    | NOV    | DEC    | TOTAL |
|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| STREAMFLOW GAGING RECORDS, TAF           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Pecos R b Sumner Dam                     | 1.2   | 0.8   | 16.3  | 4.5   | 4.0   | 5.9   | 5.7   | 5.9    | 10.6   | 6.7    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 63.6  |
| Fort Sumner Main C                       | 0.0   | 0.0   | 4.6   | 3.9   | 3.3   | 3.8   | 4.3   | 5.0    | 3.8    | 5.8    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 34.6  |
| Pecos R nr Artesia                       | 3.2   | 2.7   | 8.6   | 2.5   | 1.3   | 0.2   | 2.4   | 1.5    | 57.5   | 14.1   | 5.9    | 4.2    | 104.1 |
| Rio Penasco at Dayton                    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.5    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.5   |
| Fourmile Draw nr Lakewood                | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 3.8    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 3.8   |
| South Seven Rivers nr Lkwld              | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 6.9    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 6.9   |
| Rocky Arroyo at Hwy Br nr                | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.9   | 0.0    | 20.5   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 21.4  |
| Pecos R at Avalon Site 3                 | 1.4   | 1.2   | 1.3   | 4.3   | 4.2   | 3.1   | 1.4   | 3.4    | 37.9   | 15.1   | 1.6    | 1.2    | 76.2  |
| Pecos bel Avalon Dam                     | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 24.6   | 3.2    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 27.8  |
| Carlsbad Main Canal                      | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 4.9   | 3.8   | 2.5   | 0.0   | 3.7    | 4.0    | 14.1   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 33.0  |
| Dark Canyon at Carlsbad                  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.6   | 0.0    | 25.2   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 25.8  |
| Pecos below Dark Canyon                  | 0.7   | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.7   | 2.0   | 0.5    | 32.6   | 5.4    | 1.3    | 1.3    | 46.4  |
| Pecos R at Red Bluff                     | 2.0   | 1.5   | 1.4   | 0.9   | 0.7   | 1.0   | 2.3   | 1.0    | 26.2   | 9.3    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 51.0  |
| Delaware R nr Red Bluff                  | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 4.1   | 0.2    | 6.8    | 0.3    | 0.3    | 0.2    | 12.2  |
|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| GAGE HEIGHTS                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Avalon gage ht, end mo                   | 75.50 | 75.80 | 75.90 | 74.10 | 73.60 | 73.80 | 74.90 | 73.00  | 78.20  | 72.50  | 73.90  | 74.80  |       |
| Avalon gage ht, avg                      | 75.30 | 75.65 | 75.82 | 74.95 | 74.19 | 73.59 | 74.37 | 73.77  | 76.15  | 74.49  | 73.05  | 74.30  |       |
| Sumner Lake ga ht, end mo                | 47.15 | 49.40 | 39.46 | 38.12 | 38.22 | 33.83 | 37.42 | 36.29  | 59.63  | 58.28  | 59.61  | 60.94  |       |
| Sumner Lake gage ht, avg                 | 45.89 | 48.29 | 44.43 | 38.66 | 38.06 | 36.56 | 38.06 | 37.71  | 50.89  | 58.62  | 58.93  | 60.29  |       |
| Lake S Rosa ga ht, end mo*               | 90.61 | 90.61 | 83.35 | 82.96 | 82.33 | 85.39 | 98.19 | 102.06 | 146.30 | 145.92 | 145.63 | 145.44 |       |
| Lake S Rosa ga ht, avg*                  | 90.59 | 90.61 | 86.28 | 83.17 | 82.69 | 84.82 | 92.49 | 100.86 | 126.29 | 146.11 | 145.74 | 145.50 |       |
| * values are referred to 4600 foot level |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| PRECIPITATION, INCHES                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Brantley Lake                            | 0.86  | 0.05  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.41  | 0.70  | 5.64  | 0.17   | 4.26   | 0.11   | 0.75   | 0.76   | 13.71 |
| Las Vegas FAA AP                         | 0.08  | 0.23  | 0.06  | 0.08  | 0.22  | 1.28  | 4.41  | 1.56   | 7.31   | 0.30   | 0.65   | 0.29   | 16.47 |
| Pecos National Monument                  | 0.52  | 0.32  | 0.27  | 0.08  | 0.30  | 0.84  | 1.96  | 1.96   | 7.02   | 0.60   | 1.92   | 0.58   | 16.37 |
| Santa Rosa*                              | 0.23  | 0.46  | 0.02  | 0.01  | 0.19  | 2.01  | 2.64  | 0.69   | 8.51   | 0.08   | 0.54   | 0.11   | 15.49 |
| Lake Santa Rosa                          | 0.23  | 0.46  | 0.02  | 0.01  | 0.19  | 2.01  | 2.64  | 0.69   | 8.51   | 0.08   | 0.54   | 0.11   | 15.49 |
| Sumner Lake                              | 0.23  | 0.05  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.05  | 1.40  | 3.70  | 0.90   | 8.83   | 0.28   | 0.27   | 0.08   | 15.79 |
| * Note: data from Santa                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |

\* Note: data from Santa Rosa dam was substituted for missing Santa Rosa data



# RESPONSE TO STATES' OBJECTIONS

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## NEW MEXICO'S OBJECTIONS

New Mexico did not have any objections but expressed concern about resolution of the Dark Canyon flood flow accounting (Manual B.5.a.(3)). This is discussed below at "Change in USGS gaging records and adjustment to flood inflow."

## TEXAS'S OBJECTIONS

### 1. Table 9. Lake Avalon Leakage Lagged - WY 2013 - B.4.c.(1)(g)

Texas found that the quarterly average for Q1 had been computed with 29 days for February. This objection is accepted and the revision made in Table 9. Table 7 was revised accordingly.

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

Delaware River flood inflows. Texas recomputed Delaware River flood inflows by inspecting when rainfall occurred. This is not required by the River Master's Manual Section B.5.b., which states: "Use the daily records furnished by the USGS for the gaging station, Delaware River near Red Bluff, N.M. and select flood inflows by inspection of daily data." The River Master inspected the analyses of Texas and USGS but without regard to the rainfall in the reach. It was apparent that the main difference in the calculations could be explained by how USGS estimated the recession curves of flood hydrographs. If they are estimated to last longer, then base flows are set lower and a higher flood inflow is computed. By re-computing the flood inflows for the main flood periods in July and September the River Master estimated 10.6 TAF (like Texas) for the longer-duration base inflows and 10.3 (like USGS) for the shorter recession curves. While estimates of flood recession curves involve complex hydrology, it is the River Master's judgment that the shorter recession estimates of USGS are more consistent with previous flood accounting and, accordingly, the objection is rejected.

Carlsbad to Red Bluff flood inflows. Texas presented a set of estimates of flood inflows that indicates 0.7 TAF instead of the 0.3 TAF in the Preliminary Report. The River Master examined each flood event scalped by Texas. For the event in early January, Texas's contention that the early rainfall should be considered is accepted, and the recalculation of this event added 37 AF. The event in February shows a *de minimus* flood inflow or none at all no matter how it is analyzed and was not considered. For the event in early May, Texas indicated a precipitation event on May 10, but this was not reported by New Mexico for the three stations near the reach and the bar on Texas's graph was so small the River Master could not tell which gage was being reported. For the event in the latter part of May, the rainfall curves provided by New Mexico showed rain occurring only a day after the peak so this was disregarded by the River Master in the Preliminary Report. Texas showed a small rainfall event the previous day, but it is so



small that the River Master could not determine which gage it was from and it did not appear on New Mexico's display. So this event is considered to be in the category of an operational rise (using language from the River Master's Manual) and is not considered flood inflow. Texas presented estimates for June that seem to differ by about 0.1 TAF from the River Master's estimate, but the curves are difficult to follow and Texas also considered a raingage that is out of the basin. Texas scalped some very small events in July which are difficult to follow due to the small rainfall events involved and the uncertainty over which gages were involved. These are not included in the Final Determination. The event in mid-August scalped by Texas appears to explain the largest difference between Texas's and the River Master's estimates. In the Preliminary Report, the River Master did not include this event because rainfall was shown on August 12, some four days before the August 16 peak. Rainfall occurred again on August 17, after the rise in flow. Texas showed rain occurring on August 15, but it appears to be the Orogrande gage, which is not in the basin. Therefore, this event is considered as an operational rise.

As a result of the adjustment for January, the River Master is revising the flood inflow shown on Table 4 to 0.4 TAF.

### **3. 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 presented a revised total of -6.2 TAF instead of the Preliminary Report's -6.1 TAF. See "Final Calculated Departure" below for the result of considering all objections and the adjustment to gaged flows reported by USGS.

## **CHANGE IN USGS GAGING RECORDS AND ADJUSTMENT TO FLOOD INFLOW**

In the Preliminary Report the River Master explained the procedure that was used to adjust the Flood Inflow, Carlsbad to State Line (Section B.5.a.(3) of the River Master's Manual). The procedure is required during periods of Dark Canyon Draw discharges and when the initial scalped flood inflow in the Carlsbad to State Line reach is negative. The calculation showed a large negative flood inflow and the River Master requested USGS to assess the reported gaged flows. USGS reported on June 26 with lower values for two days in September on the Pecos River below Dark Canyon gage. The USGS email message from D. Michael Roark, Hydrologist, is copied here for the record:

"The record has been revised for this site by changing the rating for this gage. Attached is a tab delimited file with the daily values, which can be brought into excel quickly.

Our database only has two high water measurements for this site and the upper end of the rating was based on the highest of the two measurements. This was a slope-area indirect measurement that was computed after the 2004 floods. The slope-area computed discharge was 73,000. Since there were only two measurements at this site it was considered important to do a step backwater analysis to verify the rating. It has taken a bit of time to complete that task. From the step-back water analysis and the survey for





the analysis it was determined that at a flow of a little over 20,000 cfs the flow brakes [sic] out over a very flat area of farm fields. Since the upper end of the rating was a straight line in log space from the area of the rating where there were measurements to the slope-area indirect measurement, the old rating overestimated high flows.

Points were taken from the water surfaces computed by the step-backwater analysis to redraw the upper end of the rating which brings the rating with a slight curve up to 20,000 cfs and then breaks over to the slope area measurement. We are confident that the new rating is much more accurate than the previous rating.”

As a result of the modified gaging values, the River Master recomputed the scalped flood inflow for September. The sheet that follows entitled “Hydrograph scalping to support Table 4 shows the calculation. The first step was to scalp the flood inflow in the reach using the revised Pecos River below Dark Canyon gaged flows. The result is still a negative value for the flood period. Therefore, following the required procedure, the Dark Canyon flow is subtracted from the Pecos River below Dark Canyon flow and the scalping is performed again. For September 12 there is a large negative net flow at Pecos River below Dark Canyon and no way to consider that daily result in determining the scalped flood inflow from Carlsbad to State Line. After disregarding that single day result, the resulting flood inflow was 11.7 TAF for the month (see the following worksheet). As shown, the adjustment in gaged flows did not change the Preliminary Report’s value very much because the main change was for September 12, and the large negative value for Pecos River below Dark Canyon flow on that day could not be considered and remains unexplained.

Table 12 was revised to show the USGS changed report for gaged flow at Pecos River below Dark Canyon.

New Mexico expressed concern about the River Master Manual’s procedure for the adjustment in periods such as this. The flood event during September 2013 provides an opportunity for the states to study the procedure which is used to account for flood inflow in the Carlsbad to State Line reach in a manner which is accurate and also consistent with the 1947 condition.

## **FINAL CALCULATED DEPARTURE**

The Preliminary Report’s Final Calculated Departure was a shortfall of 6.1 TAF. After considering the states’ objections, the Final Determination is a shortfall of 6.2 TAF.



# Hydrograph scalping to support Table 4

|     |    |     |      |      |      |        |      |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|--------|------|--|------|-------|-----------|----|--------|
|     | 31 | 244 | 12   |      |      |        | 7    |  |      |       | 24        | 0  | 24     |
| SEP | 1  | 245 | 12   |      |      |        | 7.1  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 2  | 246 | 12   |      |      |        | 7.2  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 3  | 247 | 12   |      |      |        | 6.9  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 4  | 248 | 13   |      |      |        | 6.4  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 5  | 249 | 14   |      |      |        | 6.3  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 6  | 250 | 13   |      |      |        | 6.3  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 7  | 251 | 12   |      |      |        | 6    |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 8  | 252 | 11   |      |      |        | 5.6  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 9  | 253 | 11   |      |      |        | 13   |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 10 | 254 | 9.9  |      |      |        | 9.9  | 9.9  | 0    | DCD   | PRBDC     |    |        |
|     | 11 | 255 | 9.6  |      |      |        | 7.3  | 10   | 63   |       | (revised) |    |        |
|     | 12 | 256 | 9.7  | 9.7  | 0    |        | 6070 | 11   | 6059 | 11200 | -5141     |    |        |
|     | 13 | 257 | 5100 | 12   | 5088 |        | 2970 | 11   | 2959 | 1490  | 1469      | 11 | 1457.6 |
|     | 14 | 258 | 1560 | 15   | 1545 |        | 284  | 12   | 272  |       |           |    |        |
|     | 15 | 259 | 250  | 17   | 233  |        | 84   | 12   | 72   |       |           |    |        |
|     | 16 | 260 | 200  | 20   | 180  |        | 29   | 13   | 16   |       |           |    |        |
|     | 17 | 261 | 180  | 22   | 158  |        | 19   | 13   | 6    |       |           |    |        |
|     | 18 | 262 | 121  | 25   | 96   |        | 14   | 14   | 0    |       |           |    |        |
|     | 19 | 263 | 72   | 27   | 45   |        | 14   |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 20 | 264 | 52   | 30   | 22   |        | 14   | Scalped FIF is still negative for this period.   |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 21 | 265 | 43   | 32   | 11   |        | 14   | DCD flows subtracted from PRBDC flows.   |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 22 | 266 | 35   | 35.0 | 0    | 7378.2 | 549  | Scalping of PRBDC now shows 1,458 cfs-days.  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 23 | 267 | 199  |      |      |        | 783  | PRaRB was 7,378 cfs-days. Difference is now  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 24 | 268 | 684  |      |      |        | 767  | 7,378 - 1,458 = 5,920 cfs-days or 11,742 AF.   |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 25 | 269 | 733  |      |      |        | 735  | Use this value for DCD for September.  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 26 | 270 | 719  |      |      |        | 807  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 27 | 271 | 778  |      |      |        | 799  | Discussion. The downward revision in the gaged flow at PRbDC did not affect the result very much because the main reduction was for September 12 (one day only) and for that day, the difference between PRaRB and PRbDC was negative and was set to zero. |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 28 | 272 | 787  |      |      |        | 779  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 29 | 273 | 762  |      |      |        | 780  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 30 | 274 | 769  |      |      |        | 774  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
| OCT | 1  | 275 | 771  |      |      |        | 767  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 2  | 276 | 767  |      |      |        | 633  |  |      |       |           |    |        |
|     | 3  | 277 | 690  |      |      |        | 560  |  |      |       |           |    |        |





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