



Irrigation and Hydrology Update

June 2026



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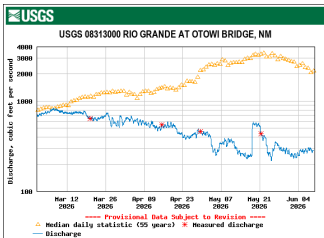
MRGCD IRRIGATOR QUICK FACTS

June 2026

WATER SUPPLY

Flow at the Rio Grande at Otowi gage is 280 cubic feet per second (cfs). Low snowpack conditions driven by unseasonably warm temperatures across the basin, have resulted in limited spring runoff. The Rio Grande is drying through the ABQ reach and those conditions are progressing north. Without significant rainfall, river conditions are expected to remain challenging.

MRGCD remains in Prior and Paramount operations as of early June. Non-Pueblo irrigators should anticipate longer intervals between irrigation deliveries and remain prepared to take water immediately if rainfall or river conditions create a short-term opportunity for delivery schedules to change.



OTOWI

On June 9th, 2026



280 cfs

Compared to 1000 cfs on June 9th, 2025

RIO GRANDE COMPACT



New Mexico ended 2025 with an **estimated** cumulative Rio Grande Compact debt 132,000 acre feet. To read more about the Rio Grande Compact, click [here](#).



SAVE THE DATE

MRGCD COMMUNITY & FARMERS INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Upcoming 2026 Irrigation Season Meetings:

- Sandoval County: May 28, 9noon
Village of Corrales Gym, 500 Jonne Rd, Corrales
- Bernalillo County: June 4, 9noon
Village of Los Ranchos Village Hall, 6730 Rio Grande Blvd, ABQ
- Valencia County: June 18, 9noon
Village of Los Lunas Train Station, 101 Courthouse RD SE, Los Lunas
- Socorro County: June 24, 9noon
Socorro Convention Center, 1220 US-90, Socorro



JOIN MRGCD BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO DISCUSS THIS CHALLENGING IRRIGATION SEASON. THE MEETING WILL FOCUS ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS, WITH BRIEF UPDATES FROM STAFF.

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE UPCOMING MEETINGS, CONTACT AMANDA MOLINA, MRGCD DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, AMOLINA@MRGCD.ORG OR 505.830.6176.



Stay Informed This Irrigation Season

MRGCD provides regular operational updates throughout the irrigation season on our website and social media channels. With this year's challenging water supply conditions, irrigators and community members are encouraged to follow along for the latest information on water deliveries, operational changes, and river conditions. Visit our latest updates on our [website](#) and [social media channels](#).

IRRIGATION GUIDELINES & WATER DELIVERY PRACTICES

Water is a shared and limited resource in the Middle Rio Grande Valley. These guidelines are provided to help irrigators use water efficiently, maintain delivery systems, and work cooperatively with neighbors and MRGCD staff.

- WATCH YOUR WATER**
 - Monitor water already during delivery.
 - Report need or delivery issues to your IIG.
 - Do not leave water unattended while irrigating.
 - Watch for leaks, broken hoses, connections, and breaks.
- USE WATER RESPONSIBLY**
 - Apply only the amount your crop needs.
 - Don't flood your neighbors.
 - Prevent excessive field drainage.
 - Practice efficient practices and avoid waste.
- MAINTAIN YOUR SYSTEM**
 - Maintain efficient on-farm irrigation systems.
 - Keep ditches free of sediment and debris.
 - Systems should be irrigated at least once per year.
 - Properly maintained systems may result in suspended delivery.
- COORDINATE WATER DELIVERY**
 - Try to coordinate with your neighbor's scheduling.
 - Take water when it is offered - delivery opportunities may be limited.
 - Coordinate with neighbors when sharing community ditches.
 - Shared ditches work best when irrigators work together.
- BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS**
 - Be courteous and respectful of your neighbors.
 - Water leaving your property may be intended for another irrigator.
 - Be respectful of neighbors when sharing community ditches.
 - Keep your property clear of debris that impedes others.
- FOLLOW THE RULES**
 - Follow MRGCD policies and procedures.
 - Do not violate any state or federal laws.
 - Violations may result in warnings, notices, suspension of delivery, or fines.

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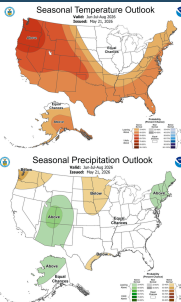
SAN JUAN CHAMA WATER

The San Juan-Chama (SJC) Project imports water from the San Juan River Basin into the Rio Grande Basin. Because it originates outside the basin, SJC water is not subject to the Rio Grande Compact. During the irrigation season, MRGCD receives monthly allocations of SJC water based on how much water the project is producing. A full allocation is 20,900 AF which the MRGCD has not received since 2023.

In addition to the approximately 1,800 AF received in November 2025, MRGCD has received approximately 3,600 AF of SJC water during the 2026 irrigation season. While helpful, the volume accumulated to date remains well below a full allocation and is not sufficient to provide a meaningful supplemental release across the MRGCD.

At the May Board meeting, staff discussed the operational challenges of using the limited volume currently in storage, noting that a release would provide only short-term benefits and would not substantially supplement supplies across the District. The Board deferred to staff recommendation to carry the water over and continue accumulating SJC supplies for future use when a larger volume can provide greater operational benefit.

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