



Irrigation and Hydrology Update

July 2026

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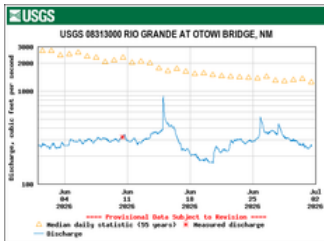
MRGCD IRRIGATOR QUICK FACTS

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WATER SUPPLY

Flow at the Rio Grande at the Otowi Gage is currently 250 cubic feet per second (cfs). River flows remain well below average for this time of year. More than 86 miles of the Rio Grande are currently dry through the Middle Valley, including nearly 12 miles in the Albuquerque reach. Without significant rainfall, river conditions are expected to remain challenging.

MRGCD remains in Prior and Paramount operations. Non-Pueblo irrigators should anticipate extended intervals between irrigation deliveries and be prepared to accept water immediately if rainfall or changing river conditions create short-term opportunities for additional deliveries



OTOWI

On July , 2026



250 cfs

Compared to 450 cfs
on July 1, 2025



MONSOON SEASON

Monsoon season can bring both opportunity and uncertainty. Staying informed and being ready to irrigate when water is available helps us make the most of every drop.

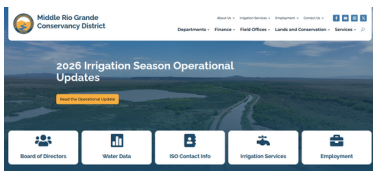
- **Be ready to irrigate.** If widespread rainfall increases river flows, irrigation opportunities may become available with little notice. Be prepared to take water when it's offered.
- **Storms can impact infrastructure.** Heavy rainfall can wash debris into canals, cause sediment buildup, damage structures, or create other operational issues that require immediate attention.
- **Stay informed.** Follow [MRGCD operational updates](#) for the latest information on irrigation deliveries, storm impacts, cleanup efforts, and any temporary changes affecting your area.
- **Expect changing conditions.** Water availability and operations can change quickly during monsoon season as crews respond to weather and river conditions.

RIO GRANDE COMPACT



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

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We've made it easier to find the information that matters most to our water users. Whether you're looking for irrigation updates, maps, board information, project updates, forms, or who to contact, the new site is designed to help you get where you need to go faster.

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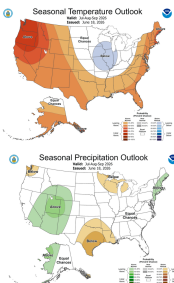
SAN JUAN CHAMA WATER

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 2024.

In addition to the approximately 1,800 AF received in November 2025, MRGCD has received approximately 5,300 AF of SJC water during the 2026 irrigation season. While helpful, the volume accumulated to date is about 25% of MRGCD's 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.

WEATHER OUTLOOK



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