Fall/Winter 2013 Rio Grande Runoff/Snow Report September 28, 2013

The rainfall in the middle of September has brought some welcome relief to the drought affecting the Rio Grande. Flow at San Marcial peaked at over 4000 cfs on September 19, but it is now back to about 500 cfs. Flow upstream at Otowi peaked at almost 3,500 cfs on September 13. On this date, the resulting daily increase in storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo exceeded 20,000 ac-ft. The storms have resulted in a total storage increase of about 95,000 ac-ft, resulting in an increase of usable Rio Grande Project water of approximately 80,000 acre-feet.

Rio Grande flow in September at San Marcial (Floodway + Conveyance Channel) and upstream at Otowi Bridge









