

# San Juan - Chama Project Time Line

- 1948 Upper Colorado Compact signed - New Mexico receives rights to water from the Upper Colorado River's basin.
- 1965 Albuquerque purchased annual rights to 48,200 acre-feet of the San Juan - Chama water.
- 1965- 71 Construction of San Juan - Chama diversion project to bring the water from the Colorado River Basin into the Rio Chama and the Rio Grande.
- 1994 U.S. Geological survey discovers that our aquifer is only about half as large as we thought, and is recharging only about half as fast as it is being pumped.
- 1997 Albuquerque decides on a plan to start using our San Juan - Chama water as a drinking water source.
- 2004 Office of State Engineer approves the permit to divert San Juan - Chama water out of the Rio Grande. Construction begins.
- 2007 Diversion dam and 12 of 15 pipelines are completed.
- 2008 December 5, 2008, the Surface Water Treatment Plant opens and begins production of drinking water for homes and businesses in Albuquerque.