

OUR WATER. OUR FUTURE.



Santa Fe County Utilities is well positioned to meet today's water needs while responsibly planning for tomorrow.



1,348,045,587
gallons

RECURRING WATER SUPPLY



555,901,806
gallons

WATER USED
IN 2025



722,411,667
gallons

ADDITIONAL WATER AVAILABLE
AT BDD AND THROUGH
WRA WITH CITY



WHAT IS A GALLON?

One gallon is a unit of volume used to measure water. It's equal to 128 fluid ounces.



SANTA FE COUNTY

Through strong water rights, available capacity, and responsible planning, Santa Fe County Utilities has the resources to serve today's community while preparing for future growth.

WHERE OUR WATER COMES FROM

Every reliable water system depends
on more than one source.



119,587,317
gallons

SAN JUAN-CHAMA PERMIT

Imported surface
water that helps
strengthen our
long-term supply.



788,559,420
gallons

NATIVE RIO GRANDE SURFACE WATER RIGHTS

The primary source
of water serving
our community.



439,898,850
gallons

WATER RESOURCES AGREEMENT

Additional water
available through
an agreement with
the City of Santa Fe.



DID YOU KNOW?

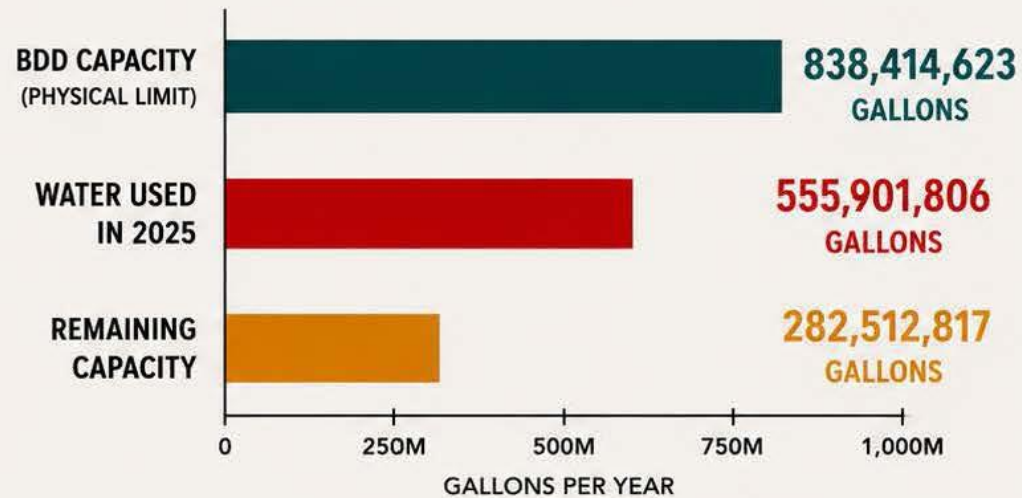
Having multiple
water sources
makes our system
more reliable during
changing conditions
and helps prepare
for the future.



Multiple water sources provide reliability
during changing conditions and help
prepare for the future.

HOW MUCH WATER DO WE USE?

In 2025, Santa Fe County Utilities operated well within the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) system's available capacity.



DID YOU KNOW?

Using water within our BDD capacity helps ensure a sustainable system for today while maintaining flexibility for tomorrow.



In 2025, Santa Fe County Utilities used **555,901,806 GALLONS**, leaving **282,512,817 GALLONS** of available capacity at the Buckman Direct Diversion system.



Smart management today ensures we have the water our community needs—now and in the future.

WHY DON'T THE NUMBERS MATCH?

Total water rights and BDD capacity measure different things.

RECURRING WATER SUPPLY

1,348,045,587
gallons

Our complete portfolio
of water resources.

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BDD CAPACITY

838,414,623
gallons

The physical delivery
capacity of the BDD
system.



DID YOU KNOW?

The BDD system has a physical limit on how much water can be diverted and delivered, while our total water rights include additional resources beyond that limit.



838,414,623 gallons

Water delivered
through BDD



439,898,850 gallons

Additional water available
through the Water Resources
Agreement



The Buckman Direct Diversion system has a physical delivery capacity of 838,414,623 gallons, but Santa Fe County Utilities' total water portfolio extends beyond that amount.

PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

Responsible growth starts with responsible planning.



1,330,123,782 GALLONS
**RESERVED FOR
APPROVED DEVELOPMENT**

Water has been allocated for approved and vested developments, helping ensure future homes, businesses, and community facilities have a reliable water supply when they are built.



DID YOU KNOW?

Reserving water for approved projects is like reserving a seat at the table. It helps ensure water will be available when growth occurs while allowing the County to plan responsibly for the future.



Reviewing
new
development



Investing in
infrastructure



Conserving
water



Building
partnerships



Planning for
future
generations



Careful planning helps protect water resources while supporting sustainable growth throughout Santa Fe County.



Through responsible planning and long-term investment, we can meet today's needs and prepare for the generations to come.

THE BIG PICTURE

Santa Fe County Utilities is well positioned today
and prepared for tomorrow.



STRONG WATER RIGHTS

1,348,045,587 gallons in total water rights provide
a solid foundation for today and tomorrow.



WATER USE WITHIN AVAILABLE CAPACITY

In 2025, we used **555,901,806** gallons, leaving
282,512,817 gallons of available capacity at the BDD system.



MULTIPLE WATER SOURCES

A diverse portfolio of water sources strengthens
reliability today and builds resilience for the future.



WATER RESERVED FOR APPROVED GROWTH

1,330,123,782 gallons of water is reserved for approved
and vested developments, supporting responsible growth.



RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Long-term planning, conservation, and strong partnerships
help protect our most precious resource.



WATER IS OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE.

Through thoughtful planning, responsible management, and long-term investment,
Santa Fe County Utilities is protecting that resource for today's residents and future generations.



Well positioned today. Ready for tomorrow.
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HOW THE COUNTY WATER UTILITY PROVIDES WATER WHEN THE RIO GRANDE IS RUNNING LOW



Through smart partnerships and proactive planning, Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe use native water rights outside of the summer months and rely on stored San-Juan Chama (SJC) Project water in the summer.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
NATURAL RIVER FLOWS (Rio Grande River)	High	High	High	High	Moderate	Low	Very Low	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
PRIMARY WATER SOURCE IN USE	NATIVE RIO GRANDE WATER	NATIVE RIO GRANDE WATER	NATIVE RIO GRANDE WATER	NATIVE RIO GRANDE WATER	NATIVE RIO GRANDE WATER	SJC PROJECT WATER	SJC PROJECT WATER	SJC PROJECT WATER	SJC PROJECT WATER	NATIVE RIO GRANDE WATER	NATIVE RIO GRANDE WATER	NATIVE RIO GRANDE WATER
WHY THIS WORKS	HIGH RIVER FLOWS Shared Pool Agreement and Optimized Water Rights Accounting Protocol allow the County and City to use all native water rights when natural river flows are available.					LOW RIVER FLOWS San-Juan Chama Project water is released from Heron Lake or Abiquiu Lake to meet water needs in the summer when natural river flows are low.				RIVER FLOWS RECOVER We return to using native water rights as natural river flows increase in the fall and winter months.		

LEGEND:



NATIVE RIO GRANDE WATER
(Native Rio Grande Water Rights)



SJC PROJECT WATER
(San Juan-Chama Project Water Released from Heron Lake or Abiquiu Lake)



RIVER FLOWS
(Relative Conditions)



This proactive strategy ensures Santa Fe County can provide water from the Buckman Direct Diversion even when the Rio Grande is running low in the summer.

