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- Southwestern U.S. expected to experience the most water stress
- New Mexico is preparing for 25% less water by 2070

Projected change in water stress by midcentury (2040-2061) compared to historical average (1900-2668 1970). Lindsey, 2013.

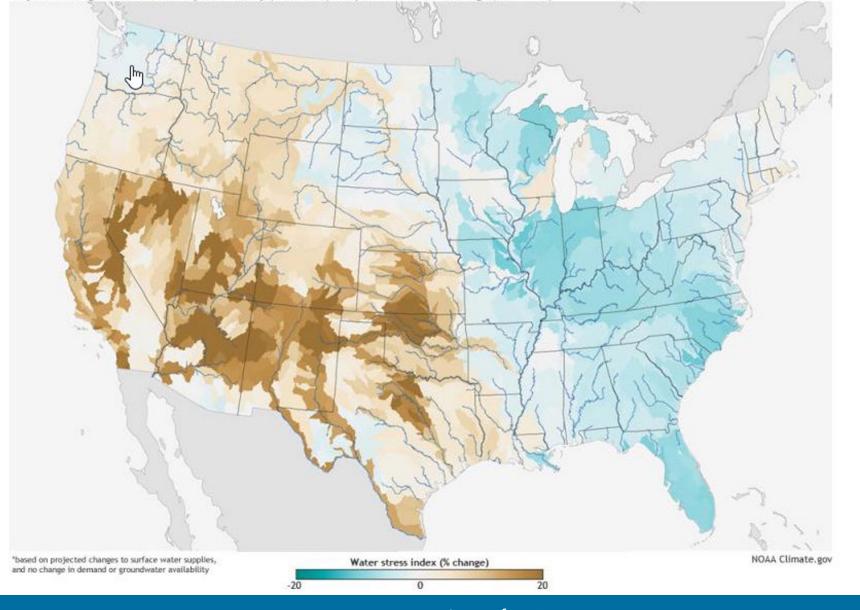
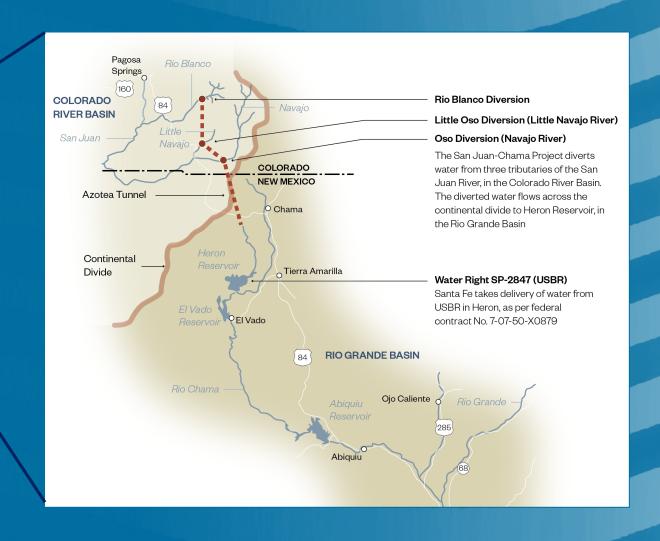


Image from <u>Climate Change in New Mexico over the Next 50</u> Years: Impacts on Water Resources



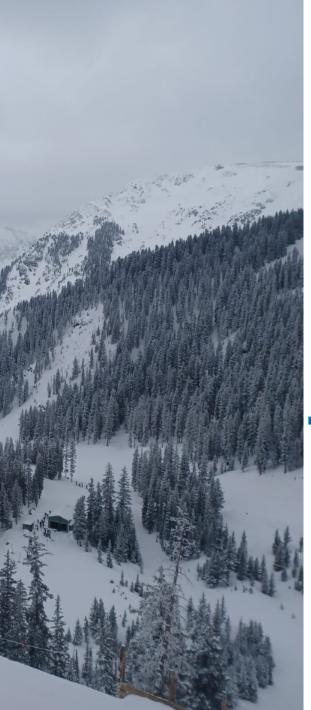


2023 statute transforms and reinvigorates regional water planning in New Mexico. New process will:

- Ensure planning is supported by best available data, science and models
- Link planning to implementation through prioritization of projects and activities for funding and reporting mechanisms for decision-makers
- Build on and incorporate existing planning efforts
- Be grounded in state water law, including the doctrine of prior appropriation
- Be informed by a Water Security Tribal Advisory Council
- Involve robust public engagement every step of the way

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Water Availability

Water Need



WATER BALANCE

Please visit **MainStreamNM.org** and subscribe to our newsletter for updates on this process



