



Rio Grande Water Conservation District

Special Improvement District No. 5

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RE: Subdistrict No. 5 Replacement Water Accounting for the Month of January 2026

Dear Mr. Cotten,

The following Tables illustrate Subdistrict No. 5's accounting of its daily replacement operations for the month of January 2026 as required in Term and Condition No. 7 of the State Engineer's 2025 Annual Replacement Plan Approval Letter received on May 1, 2025. The table includes data regarding the following: daily and monthly Subdistrict No. 5 projected stream depletion obligations; replacement/remedy sources used; daily and monthly amount of each replacement/remedy source used; and, where available, identification of the water rights that received replacement/remedy from the Subdistrict on a daily basis.

Synopsis of January 2026 Subdistrict No. 5 Replacement Operations

Under the direction of the Division No. 3 Division Engineer and District 20, 25, and 26 Water Commissioners, Subdistrict No. 5 replaced all projected injurious stream reach depletions on Saguache Creek, San Luis Creek, and the Rio Grande on a daily basis for the month of January 2026 pursuant to the projected amounts calculated in Table 2.3 included in the approved 2025 Annual Replacement Plan (2025 ARP). Replacement of injurious stream depletions began on May 1, 2025 on all stream reaches. For the month of January 2026, during the non-irrigation season, injurious stream depletions are not projected to occur to Saguache and San Luis Creeks.

Replacement Operations on Saguache Creek

For the month of January 2026, no injurious stream depletions are projected to occur. The following Table 1 illustrates the Subdistrict's daily replacement operations for Saguache Creek during the month of January 2026. Subdistrict No. 5 will monitor the conditions on Saguache Creek and resume replacement of injurious depletions if they do occur.

Replacement Operations on San Luis Creek

For the month of January 2026, no injurious stream depletions are projected to occur. The following Table 2 illustrates the Subdistrict's daily replacement operations for San Luis Creek during the month of January 2026. Subdistrict No. 5 will monitor the conditions on San Luis Creek and resume replacement of injurious depletions if they do occur.

Replacement Operations on the Rio Grande

For the month of January 2026, Subdistrict No. 5 used Closed Basin Project water totaling 22.909 acre-feet, at a daily rate of 0.739 acre-feet to remedy all injurious depletions for the month. In addition to the

Closed Basin Project water used to remedy the January 2026 Rio Grande depletions, Subdistrict No. 5 released SWSP 6094 Nelson Tunnel water stored in Beaver Reservoir as part of the Trout Unlimited Winter Flow Program. As part of the Winter Flow Program, the losses from Beaver Reservoir to the top of stream reach 1 were covered by other partners in the program. Subdistrict No. 5 released the Nelson Tunnel Water anticipating that the Closed Basin Project's 2026 production, creditable to the 2025 ARP year, will be insufficient to remedy all injurious depletions for the Subdistricts relying on it. It is Subdistrict No. 5's intent to use its entire share of Closed Basin Project Water for the months of January, February, March, and April 2026 and use the Nelson Tunnel water for any shortfall. The following Table 3 illustrates the Subdistrict's daily replacement operations for the Rio Grande during the month of January 2026.

A copy of this detailed accounting can be found on the District's website at rgwcd.org under Subdistrict No. 5's Annual Replacement Plan link. If you should have any questions about the information included in this reporting, please contact Chris Ivers whom is the Program Manager responsible for the operation and accounting for Subdistrict No. 5. He can be reached at (719) 589-6301.

Table 2: Subdistrict No. 5 depletion obligation to San Luis Creek per Table 2.3 of the approved Annual Replacement Plan approved by the State Engineer on May 1, 2025. January 2026 depletion obligation total is 0 ac-ft. Total replacements/remedies were 0 ac-ft.

TABLE 2						
January	San Luis Creek	Total Required 2025 ARP	Replacement Sources	Total	Priority No. Receiving Replacement/Remedy	Water District No. 25 Ditch Receiving Replacement/Remedy
	SR-1 Ac-Ft.		Forbearance SR 1 Ac-Ft.			
1	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
2	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
3	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
4	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
5	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
6	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
7	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
8	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
9	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
10	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
11	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
12	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
13	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
14	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
15	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
16	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
17	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
18	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
19	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
20	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
21	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
22	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
23	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
24	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
25	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
26	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
27	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
28	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
29	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
30	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
31	0.0000	0.0000		0.000		
Totals	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		

Table 3: Subdistrict No. 5 depletion obligation to the Rio Grande per Table 2.3 of the approved Annual Replacement Plan approved by the State Engineer on May 1, 2025. January 2026 depletion obligation total is 22.9 ac-ft. Total replacements/remedies total 34.929 ac-ft.

TABLE 3							
January	Rio Grande	Total Required 2025 ARP	Replacement Sources		Total	Priority No. Receiving Replacement/Remedy	Water District No. 20 Ditch Receiving Replacement/Remedy
	SR-1 Ac-Ft.		Closed Basin Project SR 1 Ac-Ft.	SWSP 9511 Treasure Pass TM Water			
1	0.739	0.739	0.739	2.370	3.109		Compact
2	0.739	0.739	0.739	2.370	3.109		Compact
3	0.739	0.739	0.739	2.370	3.109		Compact
4	0.739	0.739	0.739	2.370	3.109		Compact
5	0.739	0.739	0.739	2.370	3.109		Compact
6	0.739	0.739	0.739	0.170	0.909		Compact
7	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
8	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
9	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
10	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
11	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
12	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
13	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
14	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
15	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
16	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
17	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
18	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
19	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
20	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
21	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
22	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
23	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
24	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
25	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
26	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
27	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
28	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
29	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
30	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
31	0.739	0.739	0.739		0.739		Compact
Totals	22.909	22.909	22.909	12.020	34.929		