

# **Improved Meteorological Infrastructure for Water Management in the Middle and Lower Rio Grande, New Mexico**

## **Technical Completion Report**

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## **Introduction**

Management of water in a basin requires an accurate estimate of water budget. For decades, water management agencies such as the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy and Elephant Butte Irrigation districts, US Geological Survey, US Bureau of Reclamation and others have invested in measurement and estimation of surface water and to a certain extent groundwater. Consumptive use or evapotranspiration (ET) losses in the water budgets however are estimated mainly by meteorological methods (i.e. thermal measurements by remote sensing and/or ground measurements of microclimate). The meteorological data are often measured by the climate stations, which are spread in agriculture and riparian regions of New Mexico. During the last few years, the climate stations in the Middle and Lower Rio Grande have deteriorated due to lack of proper maintenance. Improper maintenance of instrumentation at the climate stations can result in meteorological data measurements that are prone to large errors, which then affects the consumptive use estimates in the water budget. In this project, a total of seven climate stations from south Albuquerque to Sunland, NM were visited, inspected and maintained since October of 2016.

## **Project Objective**

The objective of this research was to:

- Assess the condition of climate stations
- Conduct maintenance and replace sensors that were malfunctioning,
- Analyze the historical data collected by these weather stations stored on the station data logger
- Collect data for FY 16 – 17, and
- Calculate reference ET using historical data and data collected in 2017 from the climate stations. The calculated ET can be used to estimate the water budget of the Middle and Lower Rio Grande or for other applications.

## **Methodology**

Seven weather stations were visited, inspected and maintained. The station towers for mounting the sensors were inspected to make sure they are secure and not wobbling. Sensor models and their accuracies were compiled, and their respective siting heights measured. All the sensors were inspected for any damage and then cleaned using distilled water and fine cotton cloth during the field visits. The sensors that were malfunctioning were removed and replaced. The data output from cleaned sensors were also checked to make sure that they were reading reasonable values. All sensor wires were inspected for any damages and old electric tapes and zip ties removed. Sensor wires were secured properly on the tower using new electric tape and zip ties. Solar panels were cleaned of bird droppings and dust. The batteries were inspected and voltages checked. The power regulators were checked to make sure they functioned properly.

Data collected include solar radiation, air and soil temperature, wind speed and direction, relative humidity, and precipitation. This data was processed and analyzed. Data revealed to be erroneous was removed during data processing. Collected data was used as parameters for the calculation of ET referenced to grass for years 2016 and 2017 using *ASCE* Standardized ET method (or ETsz; Allen et al., 2005).

## **Results**

The following weather stations were visited and assessed as part of quality control:

1. Sunland Park weather station, Sunland Park, NM.
2. Saltgrass weather station, Las Palomas, NM
3. Slake weather station, Elephant Butte dam
4. Nlake weather station, Elephant Butte by Monticello
5. South Bosque weather station, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge
6. Gherardi weather station, Albuquerque (South Albuquerque)
7. James' farm weather station, Albuquerque (South Albuquerque)

The sensor specifications, their siting heights and pictures are included in the following pages. Summary of analyzed climate data for each station are listed in the appendix.

***Sunland Park Weather Station***

**Name of Station:** Sunland Park

**Location:** Sunland Park

**County:** Dona Ana

**State:** New Mexico

**Lat/Long:** 31°50'24.71"N and 106°36'40.36"W

**Elevation:** 1144 m (3754 ft)

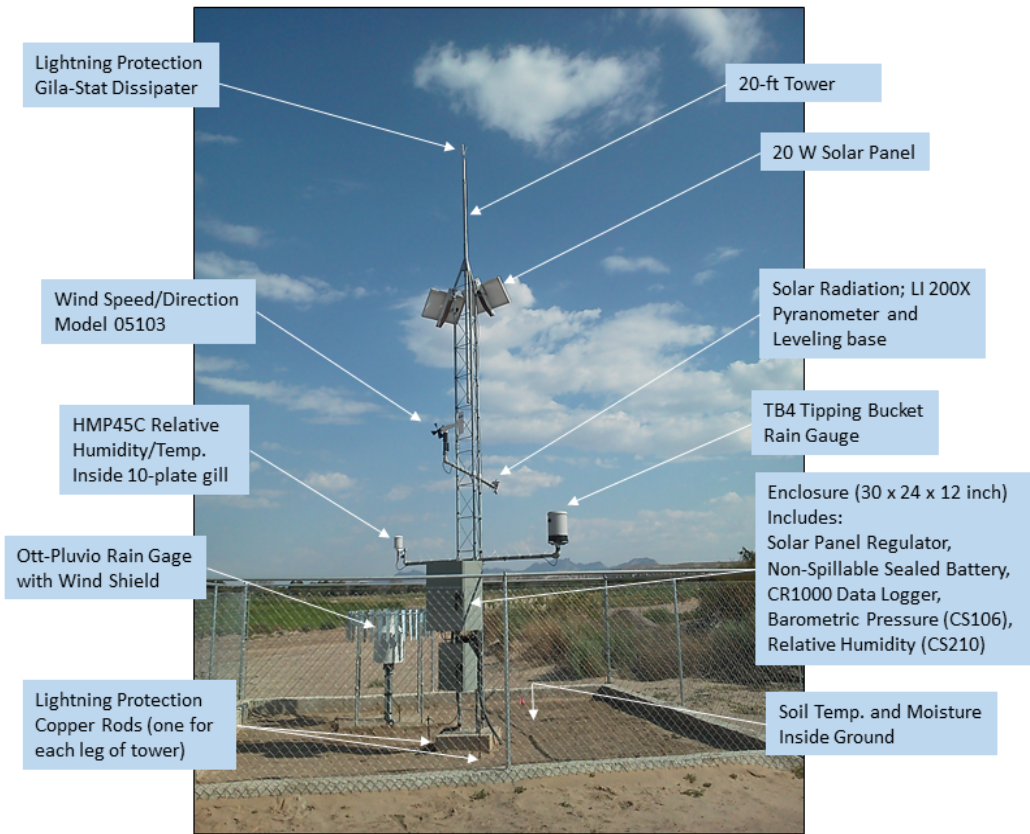
**Station Installation Date:** July-2015

**Source of Funding:** NSF-EPSCoR

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Measurement	Sensor Type/Model	Sensor Accuracy	Height from Ground Surface
Wind speed and direction	Wind Monitor AQ (Model 05103) <sup>a</sup>	Speed: ±0.3 m/s or 1% of reading Direction: ±3°	3.45 m (136 in)
Solar radiation	LI200X Pyranometer <sup>a</sup>	±5% max ±3% typical	3.12 m (123 in)
Air temperature and relative humidity	HMP45C <sup>a</sup> Relative Humidity: Vaisala' SHUMICAP® H-chip Temp Sensor: 100 ohm PRT	Accuracy at 20°C ±2% (0 to 90% Relative Humidity) ±3% (0 to 100% Relative Humidity)	2.44 m (96 in)
Rain Gage	Rain gage model TB4 <sup>a</sup> (0.01-in per tip)	<±2% at high precipitation rates of 500 mm/hr.	2.34 m (92 in)
Soil Moisture, Temperature and Salinity @ 4in & 20in	Hydra Probes (SDI-12 Hydra Probe II) <sup>b</sup>	Temp.: ±0.3 °C (-10 to +55 °C) Conductivity: ±2.0% (0.01 to 1.5 S/m)	-0.10 m (-4 in) -0.51 m (-20in)
Soil Moisture, Temperature @ 10 cm	T107	Temp.: ±0.2 °C (-35 to 50 °C)	0.10m (-3.9 in)
Barometric Pressure	CS106 Vaisala PTB110 <sup>a</sup>	±1.5 mb@ -40 to 60 °C	1.67 m (66 in)
Data logger	CR1000 <sup>a</sup>		~ 1.7 m (70 in)
Inside Enclosure Relative Humidity	CS210 (10162) <sup>a</sup>	Accuracy at 25 °C: ±3% RH (10 to 90% Relative Humidity)	~1.7 m (70 in)

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**Figure 1.** Sunland Park weather station.

***Caballo Weather Station***

**Name of Station:** Saltgrass

**Location:** Las Palomas, NM (North of Caballo Lake)

**County:** Sierra

**State:** New Mexico

**Lat/Long:** 33° 4' 1.53"N and 107°16'58.58"W

**Elevation:** 1284 m (4213 ft)

**Station Installation Date:** No available information

**Source of Funding:** Bureau of Reclamation

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Measurement	Sensor Type/Model	Sensor Accuracy	Height from Ground Surface
Wind speed and direction	Wind Monitor AQ (Model 05103) <sup>a</sup>	Speed: ±0.3 m/s or 1% of reading Direction: ±3°	3.4 m (134 in)
Solar radiation	LI200X Pyranometer <sup>a</sup>	±5% max ±3% typical	2.6 m (101 in)
Air temperature and relative humidity	HMP50 Temperature and Relative Humidity Probe INTERCAP Temp Sensor: 1000 ohm PRT	Temp: ±0.8°C (-15 TO 60°C) RH at 20°C ±3% (0 to 90% RH)	2.3 m (89 in)
Rain Gage	TR-525USW Rainfall Sensor	1.0% up to 50 mm/hr (2 in/hr)	0.1 m (6 in)
Barometric Pressure	CS105 Vaisala PTB110 <sup>a</sup>	±1.5 mb @ -40 to 60 °C	1.1 m (42 in)
Data logger	CR1000 <sup>a</sup>		~ 1.7 m

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Figure 2. Saltgrass Weather Station



***South Lake (Slake) Weather Station***

**Name of Station:** Slake [NRCS Scan type weather station]

**Location:** South Lake (Elephant Butte, NM)

**County:** Socorro

**State:** New Mexico

**Lat/Long:** 33° 08' 45.52"N and 107° 11' 03.44" W (Elephant Butte Dam)

**Elevation:** 1378 m (4512 ft; NAD27); 1395 m (4576 ft) (WGS 84 handheld GPS)

**Station Installation Date:** 7-29-2013. This station replaced the old station at the site.

**Source of Funding:** New Mexico EPSCoR-NSF

**Contact:** Salim Bawazir, Ph.D. (e-mail: [abawazir@nmsu.edu](mailto:abawazir@nmsu.edu)); 575-646-6044 (NMSU)

Measurement	Sensor Type/Model	Sensor Accuracy	Height from Ground Surface
Wind speed and direction	Wind Monitor AQ (Model 05103) <sup>a</sup>	Speed: ±0.3 m/s or 1% of reading Direction: ±3°	3.18 m (125 in)
Solar radiation	LI200X Pyranometer <sup>a</sup>	±5% max ±3% typical	2.87 m (113 in)
Air temperature and relative humidity	HMP45C <sup>a</sup> Relative Humidity: Vaisala' SHUMICAP® H-chip Temp Sensor: 100 ohm PRT	Accuracy at 20°C ±2% (0 to 90% Relative Humidity) ±3% (0 to 100% Relative Humidity)	2.54 m (100 in)
Rain Gage	Rain gage model TB4 <sup>a</sup> (0.01-in per tip)	<±2% at high precipitation rates of 500 mm/hr.	2.54 m (100 in)
Soil Moisture, Temperature and Salinity @ 2, 4, 8 & 20 in	Hydra Probes (SDI-12 Hydra Probe II) <sup>b</sup>	Temp.: ±0.3 °C (-10 to +55 °C) Conductivity: ±2.0% (0.01 to 1.5 S/m)	-5.08 cm (-2 in), -10.16 cm (-4 in), -20.32 cm (-8 in) and -50.8 cm (-20 in)
Barometric Pressure	CS106 Vaisala PTB110 <sup>a</sup>	±1.5 mb@ -40 to 60 °C	~1.7 m
Data logger	CR1000 <sup>a</sup>		~ 1.7 m
Inside Enclosure Relative Humidity	CS210 (10162) <sup>a</sup>	Accuracy at 25 °C: ±3% RH (10 to 90% Relative Humidity)	~1.7 m

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**Figure 3.** Slake Weather Station at Elephant Butte Dam

***North Lake (Nlake) Weather Station***

**Name of Station:** Nlake [NRCS SCAN type weather station]

**Location:** Western side of North end of Elephant Butte Reservoir

**County:** Socorro

**State:** New Mexico

**Lat/Long:** 33° 17' 50.14"N and 107°11'37.88"W

**Elevation:** 1373 m (4504 ft)

**Station Installation Date:** No available information

**Source of Funding:** Bureau of Reclamation

**Contact:** Salim Bawazir, Ph.D. (e-mail: [abawazir@nmsu.edu](mailto:abawazir@nmsu.edu)); 575-646-6044 (NMSU)

Measurement	Sensor Type/Model	Sensor Accuracy	Height from Ground Surface
Wind speed and direction	Wind Monitor AQ (Model 05103) <sup>a</sup>	Speed: ±0.3 m/s or 1% of reading Direction: ±3°	3.38 m (133 in)
Solar radiation	LI200X Pyranometer <sup>a</sup>	±5% max ±3% typical	3.12 m (123 in)
Air temperature and relative humidity	HMP45C <sup>a</sup> Relative Humidity: Vaisala' SHUMICAP® H-chip Temp Sensor: 100 ohm PRT	Accuracy at 20°C ±2% (0 to 90% Relative Humidity) ±3% (0 to 100% Relative Humidity)	2.41 m (95 in)
Rain Gage	Rain gage model TB4 <sup>a</sup> (0.01-in per tip)	<±2% at high precipitation rates of 500 mm/hr.	2.44 m (96 in)
Soil Moisture, Temperature and Salinity @ 4	Hydra Probes (SDI-12 Hydra Probe II) <sup>b</sup>	Temp.: ±0.3 °C (-10 to +55 °C) Conductivity: ±2.0% (0.01 to 1.5 S/m)	-0.10 m (-4 in)
Soil Moisture, Temperature @ 10 cm	T107	Temp.: ±0.2 °C (-35 to 50 °C)	0.10m (-3.9 in)
Barometric Pressure	CS106 Vaisala PTB110 <sup>a</sup>	±1.5 mb@ -40 to 60 °C	1.67 m (66 in)
Data logger	CR1000 <sup>a</sup>		~ 1.7 m (70 in)
Inside Enclosure Relative Humidity	CS210 (10162) <sup>a</sup>	Accuracy at 25 °C: ±3% RH (10 to 90% Relative Humidity)	~1.7 m (70 in)

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**Figure 4.** North Lake Weather Station

***South Bosque Weather Station***

**Name of Station:** South Bosque

**Location:** Bosque National Wildlife Refuge

**County:** Socorro

**State:** New Mexico

**Lat/Long:** 33° 46' 35.35"N and 106° 52' 49.43"W

**Elevation:** 1374 m (4508 ft)

**Station Installation Date:** No available information

**Source of Funding:** Bureau of Reclamation

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Measurement	Sensor Type/Model	Sensor Accuracy	Height from Ground Surface
Wind speed and direction	Wind Monitor AQ (Model 05103) <sup>a</sup>	Speed: $\pm 0.3$ m/s or 1% of reading Direction: $\pm 3^\circ$	3.76 m (148 in)
Solar radiation	LI200X Pyranometer <sup>a</sup>	$\pm 5\%$ max $\pm 3\%$ typical	3.38 m (133 in)
Air temperature and relative humidity	S1650009 Humitter	Accuracy at 20°C $\pm 2\%$ (0 to 90% Relative Humidity) $\pm 3\%$ (0 to 100% Relative Humidity)	1.35 m (53 in)
Rain Gage	TR-525I	$< \pm 2\%$ at high precipitation rates of 500 mm/hr.	0.48 m (19 in)
Soil Moisture, Temperature @ 10 cm	T107	Temp.: $\pm 0.2$ °C (-35 to 50 °C)	0.10m (-3.9 in)
Soil Moisture, Temperature and Salinity @ 2, 4, 8 & 20 in	Hydra Probes (SDI-12 Hydra Probe II) <sup>b</sup>	Temp.: $\pm 0.3$ °C (-10 to +55 °C) Conductivity: $\pm 2.0\%$ (0.01 to 1.5 S/m)	-5.08 cm (-2 in), -10.16 cm (-4 in), -20.32 cm (-8 in) and -50.8 cm (-20 in)
Barometric Pressure	CS105 Vaisala PTB101B	$\pm 1.5$ mb@ -40 to 60 °C	1.63 m (64 in)
Data logger	CR1000 <sup>a</sup>		~ 1.7 m ( 70 in)
Inside Enclosure Relative Humidity	CS210 (10162) <sup>a</sup>	Accuracy at 25 °C: $\pm 3\%$ RH (10 to 90% Relative Humidity)	~1.7 m ( 70 in)

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**Figure 5.** South Bosque Weather Station

***Gherardi Weather Station***

**Name of Station:** Gherardi

**Location:** Albuquerque

**County:** Bernalillo

**State:** New Mexico

**Lat/Long:** 34° 58' 4.25"N and 106° 41' 57.85"W

**Elevation:** 1497 m (4912 ft)

**Station Installation Date:** No Available information

**Source of Funding:** EPSCORE/ Office of State Engineer

**Contact:** Salim Bawazir, Ph.D. (e-mail: [abawazir@nmsu.edu](mailto:abawazir@nmsu.edu)); 575-646-6044 (NMSU)

Measurement	Sensor Type/Model	Sensor Accuracy	Height from Ground Surface
Wind speed and direction	Wind Monitor AQ (Model 05103) <sup>a</sup>	Speed: ±0.3 m/s or 1% of reading Direction: ±3°	3.18 m (125 in)
Solar radiation	LI200X Pyranometer <sup>a</sup>	±5% max ±3% typical	2.56 m (101 in)
Air temperature and relative humidity	CS215	Accuracy at 20°C ±2% (0 to 90% Relative Humidity) ±3% (0 to 100% Relative Humidity)	2.01 m (79 in)
Rain Gage	Rain gage model TB4 <sup>a</sup> (0.01-in per tip)	<±2% at high precipitation rates of 500 mm/hr.	0.78 m (31 in)
Soil Moisture, Temperature @ 10 cm	T107	Temp.: ±0.2 °C (-35 to 50 °C)	0.10m (-3.9 in)
Barometric Pressure	CS105 Vaisala PTB110 <sup>a</sup>	±1.5 mb@ -40 to 60 °C	1.27 m (50 in)
Data logger	CR1000 <sup>a</sup>		~1.7 m (70 in)
Inside Enclosure Relative Humidity	CS210 (10162) <sup>a</sup>	Accuracy at 25 °C: ±3% RH (10 to 90% Relative Humidity)	~1.7 m (70 in)

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**Figure 6.** Gherardi Weather Station



***James Weather Station***

**Name of Station:** James

**Location:** South Albuquerque

**County:** Bernalillo

**State:** New Mexico

**Lat/Long:** 34° 59' 28.86"N and 106° 42' 30.49"W

**Elevation:** 1500 m (4921 ft)

**Station Installation Date:** No available information

**Source of Funding:** EPSCORE/Office of State Engineer

**Contact:** Salim Bawazir, Ph.D. (e-mail: [abawazir@nmsu.edu](mailto:abawazir@nmsu.edu)); 575-646-6044 (NMSU)

Measurement	Sensor Type/Model	Sensor Accuracy	Height from Ground Surface
Wind speed and direction	Wind Monitor AQ (Model 05103) <sup>a</sup>	Speed: ±0.3 m/s or 1% of reading Direction: ±3°	116 in (2.95 m)
Solar radiation	LI200X Pyranometer <sup>a</sup>	±5% max ±3% typical	97 in
Air temperature and relative humidity	CS215	Accuracy at 20°C ±2% (0 to 90% Relative Humidity) ±3% (0 to 100% Relative Humidity)	79 in
Rain Gage	Rain gage model TB4 <sup>a</sup> (0.01-in per tip)	<±2% at high precipitation rates of 500 mm/hr.	34 in
Soil Moisture, Temperature @ 10 cm	T107	Temp.: ±0.2 °C (-35 to 50 °C)	-3.9 in
Barometric Pressure	CS105 Vaisala PTB110 <sup>a</sup>	±1.5 mb@ -40 to 60 °C	46in
Data logger	CR1000 <sup>a</sup>		~ 70 in
Inside Enclosure Relative Humidity	CS210 (10162) <sup>a</sup>	Accuracy at 25 °C: ±3% RH (10 to 90% Relative Humidity)	~ 70 in

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**Figure 7.** James Weather Station

## **Who Could Benefit From These Results**

The work conducted in this project will benefit water management agencies including the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy and Elephant Butte Irrigation districts, US Geological Survey, US Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Fish and Wildlife. Other beneficiaries include farmers, researchers, climatologists, and others.

## **Presentations made on this project**

The following poster was presented at the NM WRRRI's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual NM Water Conference at Silver City, NM:

Gibson, Garrett, Bawazir, A. Salim, and Solis, Juan. (2016). Improved Meteorological Infrastructure for Water Management in the Middle and Lower Rio Grande, New Mexico. The NM WRRRI's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual NM Water Conference, *Where Does All the Water Go? History, Hydrology and Management of New Mexico's Scarce Waters*. Silver City October 6-7, 2016.

## **Contributors**

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- Ian Hewitt (Research Assist. WRRRI)
- Juan Olivares (UG, CE)
- Juan Solis (PhD. G, CE)
- Pablo Soto (UG, ME)

## **My future career goals**

I anticipate on graduating with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in December 2018 at New Mexico State University. My goal is to pursue a career in Civil Engineering specializing in water resources. I plan to take the fundamentals of engineering exam and begin the process of achieving my professional engineering license.

**Other - photos**



**Figure 8.** Garrett Gibson installing Pluvio rain gauge at Leyendecker



**Before**

**After**

**Figure 9.** Gherardi weather station before and after maintenance





**Figure 10.** A Relative Humidity/Temperature sensor clogged with soil (left) and cleaned (right)



**Figure 11.** Left: Chew marks on sensor cable. Right: Spider webs on humidity and temperature sensor.



**Figure 12.** Nlake Weather Station (left) and Bosque Weather Station (right)



**Figure 13.** Mixing concrete for installing weather station components. From Left to Right: Pablo Soto, Aldo Pinon-Villarreal, Dr. A. Salim Bawazir, and Ian Hewitt.



**Figure 14.** Left: Juan Solis adjusting solar radiation sensor. Right: From left to right Ian Hewitt, Garrett Gibson, Pablo Soto, Juan Solis, and Dr. A. Salim Bawazir after installation of Leyendecker climate station.

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## Appendix. Climate Data

Monthly means data from Sunland Park weather station

Year	Month	Tmx	Tmn	RHmx	RHmn	Rs	Uavg	ET_sz	Days
		deg. C	deg. C	%	%	MJ/m <sup>2</sup>	m/s	mm	N
2016	1	16.03	-2.95	83.90	19.76	14.60	1.44	1.89	25
2016	2	20.98	-1.42	73.76	11.56	18.03	1.46	2.69	29
2016	3	24.86	3.80	60.46	10.44	22.00	2.04	4.11	31
2016	4	26.47	6.58	69.73	11.12	25.96	1.90	5.15	30
2016	5	30.42	11.35	63.94	11.45	28.02	2.23	6.06	31
2016	6	36.33	18.81	65.93	13.64	27.85	2.03	6.51	30
2016	7	38.23	20.90	70.14	14.49	27.20	1.69	6.35	31
2016	8	33.49	18.91	83.78	23.81	22.78	1.76	5.32	31
2016	9	31.58	16.60	83.56	23.14	20.18	1.79	4.40	30
2016	10	29.88	10.15	81.09	17.54	18.68	1.34	3.20	31
2016	11	21.02	4.68	77.49	23.99	13.49	1.90	2.14	30
2016	12	16.41	0.26	85.40	31.42	10.82	1.55	1.49	31
2017	1	16.00	-0.23	87.35	27.30	13.01	1.64	1.86	31
2017	2	21.06	1.76	79.75	17.87	16.54	1.59	2.90	28
2017	3	26.89	5.52	65.31	10.79	21.96	1.82	4.51	31
2017	4	27.42	7.23	66.96	9.08	25.17	2.04	5.46	15
2017	5								
2017	6								
2017	7								
2017	8								
2017	9								
2017	10								
2017	11								
2017	12								

Tmx = Maximum Air Temperature

Tmn = Minimum Air Temperature

RHmx = Maximum Relative Humidity

RHmn = Minimum Relative Humidity

Rs = Solar Radiation

ET\_sz = ET referenced to grass

Uavg = Windspeed



Monthly means from saltgrass weather station

Year	Month	Tmx	Tmn	RHmx	RHmn	Rs	Uavg	ET_sz	Days
		deg. C	deg. C	%	%	MJ/m <sup>2</sup>	m/s	mm	N
2016	1	14.29	-5.61	84.25	21.49	13.06	2.00	2.27	31
2016	2	20.75	-3.55	67.08	10.68	18.32	2.13	3.55	29
2016	3	23.91	1.37	55.34	9.55	21.93	2.95	5.24	31
2016	4	24.98	4.50	75.52	11.53	25.19	2.90	5.80	30
2016	5	28.68	7.16	75.35	11.52	27.41	3.00	6.88	31
2016	6	36.08	14.00	72.44	11.64	27.30	2.34	7.54	29
2016	7	37.38	17.02	76.14	13.96	25.75	1.95	7.00	31
2016	8	32.38	16.52	88.05	23.61	22.49	1.83	5.54	31
2016	9	30.58	13.24	88.66	22.99	19.52	1.76	4.67	30
2016	10	29.07	6.97	88.27	16.68	17.96	1.44	3.75	31
2016	11	19.26	2.02	88.18	25.69	12.88	1.85	2.44	30
2016	12	15.79	-2.11	84.42	26.04	11.03	1.88	2.05	31
2017	1	14.48	-2.46	88.46	28.07	12.21	2.08	2.11	31
2017	2	19.86	-1.23	87.40	18.34	16.29	2.21	3.24	28
2017	3	25.13	2.24	71.94	11.29	21.75	2.37	4.85	31
2017	4	26.81	3.62	75.02	10.03	26.02	2.57	5.94	30
2017	5	29.53	7.20	69.06	10.49	28.59	2.44	6.73	31
2017	6	35.64	11.02	77.29	9.95	27.99	1.86	7.00	20
2017	7								
2017	8								
2017	9								
2017	10								
2017	11								
2017	12								

Tmx = Maximum Air Temperature  
 Tmn = Minimum Air Temperature  
 RHmx = Maximum Relative Humidity  
 RHmn = Minimum Relative Humidity  
 Rs = Solar Radiation  
 ET\_sz = ET referenced to grass  
 Uavg = Windspeed

Monthly means from Slake weather station

<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Tmx</b> <b>deg. C</b>	<b>Tmn</b> <b>deg. C</b>	<b>RHmx</b> <b>%</b>	<b>RHmn</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Rs</b> <b>MJ/m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Uavg</b> <b>m/s</b>	<b>ET_sz</b> <b>mm</b>	<b>Days</b> <b>N</b>
2016	1	23.22	4.07	50.13	9.13	--	2.30	--	20
2016	2	24.06	7.13	39.40	8.37	--	3.32	--	29
2016	3	24.66	9.25	54.47	10.30	--	3.16	--	31
2016	4	28.33	13.55	48.04	10.04	--	3.61	--	30
2016	5	35.47	20.13	47.76	10.03	--	2.93	--	31
2016	6	37.31	22.96	46.95	11.41	--	2.75	--	30
2016	7	33.60	20.72	74.41	21.54	--	2.70	--	11
2016	8	30.49	18.06	73.21	22.48	22.14	2.34	5.30	21
2016	9	29.77	16.55	73.27	22.05	19.77	2.48	4.58	30
2016	10	27.97	12.57	61.93	16.29	17.89	2.25	3.55	31
2016	11	17.80	5.92	74.14	26.70	12.13	2.34	2.12	30
2016	12	14.49	1.75	72.98	27.02	10.55	2.35	1.73	31
2017	1	13.42	1.21	75.12	28.75	11.68	2.83	2.27	31
2017	2	18.57	3.53	69.49	18.90	15.72	2.78	3.43	28
2017	3	23.77	7.34	51.47	11.56	21.66	2.99	5.15	31
2017	4	25.55	9.50	47.71	10.08	25.92	3.34	6.49	30
2017	5	28.34	13.78	41.77	10.47	28.30	3.31	7.53	31
2017	6	35.08	18.95	47.14	9.54	28.45	2.69	8.11	20
2017	7								
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Monthly means from Nlake weather station

Year	Month	Tmx deg. C	Tmn deg. C	RHmx %	RHmn %	Rs MJ/m <sup>2</sup>	Uavg m/s	ET_sz mm	Days N
2016	1								
2016	2								
2016	3								
2016	4								
2016	5								
2016	6	36.69	19.97	47.54	11.76	26.14	2.44	6.53	15
2016	7	37.50	21.19	52.07	12.48	26.45	2.43	6.56	31
2016	8	32.09	17.56	78.98	21.60	22.49	2.13	5.40	31
2016	9	30.20	15.05	78.76	21.88	19.96	2.10	4.47	30
2016	10	28.31	10.97	62.60	15.79	17.90	1.95	3.40	31
2016	11	18.18	4.23	77.00	25.69	12.52	2.11	2.03	30
2016	12	14.33	-0.15	76.75	27.04	10.84	2.02	1.60	31
2017	1	13.53	0.14	77.97	28.24	11.50	2.36	2.04	31
2017	2	18.70	2.00	72.86	18.75	15.75	2.39	3.13	28
2017	3	24.24	5.50	50.78	11.48	21.58	2.51	4.84	31
2017	4	26.04	7.61	50.35	10.12	25.63	2.86	6.13	30
2017	5	29.05	11.65	43.97	10.18	27.98	2.88	7.17	31
2017	6	35.85	17.05	46.79	9.33	28.11	2.45	7.87	20
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Monthly means from South Bosque weather station

Year	Month	Tmx	Tmn	RHmx	RHmn	Rs	Uavg	ET_sz	Days
		deg. C	deg. C	%	%	MJ/m <sup>2</sup>	m/s	mm	N
2016	1	13.12	-6.80	88.50	24.61	12.68	1.39	1.66	31
2016	2	19.84	-6.48	83.44	12.53	17.92	1.33	2.64	29
2016	3	24.24	-1.75	67.45	8.65	21.89	2.00	4.40	31
2016	4	24.64	2.29	77.10	12.83	25.70	2.11	5.19	29
2016	5	28.44	5.28	75.79	12.54	30.23	2.67	6.87	30
2016	6	36.58	12.38	73.80	10.63	30.34	1.71	7.24	30
2016	7	37.95	14.99	73.94	12.10	28.66	1.64	7.06	31
2016	8	32.89	14.22	87.50	19.85	24.04	1.72	5.69	30
2016	9	31.10	10.88	87.26	19.48	20.99	1.78	4.78	30
2016	10	28.79	3.96	85.35	15.79	11.41	1.43	3.17	31
2016	11	18.37	0.10	84.71	24.45	10.40	1.94	2.21	30
2016	12	13.99	-4.66	85.09	26.93	9.80	1.93	1.73	31
2017	1	13.36	-3.88	87.11	27.59	12.55	2.04	1.90	31
2017	2	18.81	-2.57	86.47	18.53	15.64	2.02	2.87	28
2017	3	24.54	-0.26	76.63	10.99	21.03	2.40	4.59	31
2017	4	25.72	2.61	80.38	11.45	24.74	2.44	5.40	30
2017	5	29.39	6.00	75.86	10.12	28.90	2.54	6.73	31
2017	6	35.04	9.56	81.42	10.11	30.04	1.77	7.08	15
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Monthly means from Gherardi weather station

<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Tmx</b>	<b>Tmn</b>	<b>RHmx</b>	<b>RHmn</b>	<b>Rs</b>	<b>Uavg</b>	<b>ET_sz</b>	<b>Days</b>
		<b>deg. C</b>	<b>deg. C</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>MJ/m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>m/s</b>	<b>mm</b>	<b>N</b>
2016	1	8.76	-6.15	93.63	36.18	9.82	1.27	1.16	21
2016	2								
2016	3								
2016	4								
2016	5								
2016	6	34.64	13.33	80.95	14.17	27.46	1.45	6.22	29
2016	7	35.41	15.27	82.45	16.46	26.93	1.48	6.17	31
2016	8	31.00	13.89	94.18	26.89	22.19	1.28	4.98	31
2016	9	30.05	10.09	94.97	22.84	19.34	1.23	3.98	30
2016	10	26.21	4.34	92.96	20.48	17.22	1.02	2.81	31
2016	11	17.09	-0.57	93.79	30.22	11.76	1.40	1.65	30
2016	12	12.07	-5.59	92.29	33.91	9.77	1.35	1.19	31
2017	1	11.67	-3.88	90.97	33.33	10.26	1.64	1.47	31
2017	2	16.59	-2.62	89.33	24.27	14.27	1.67	2.26	28
2017	3	22.60	0.04	75.57	14.04	20.30	1.79	3.78	31
2017	4	22.53	2.84	81.13	16.61	22.60	1.96	4.48	30
2017	5	26.28	6.24	81.28	15.14	26.27	1.76	5.39	31
2017	6	32.58	10.58	79.08	12.36	28.12	1.54	6.29	15
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Monthly means from James weather station

<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Tmx</b>	<b>Tmn</b>	<b>RHmx</b>	<b>RHmn</b>	<b>Rs</b>	<b>Uavg</b>	<b>ET_sz</b>	<b>Days</b>
		<b>deg. C</b>	<b>deg. C</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>MJ/m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>m/s</b>	<b>mm</b>	<b>N</b>
2016	1	9.09	-5.03	93.68	37.28	10.06	0.94	1.06	21
2016	2								
2016	3								
2016	4								
2016	5								
2016	6	34.42	14.50	78.84	14.77	27.63	0.95	6.03	28
2016	7	35.59	16.44	80.49	17.19	27.09	0.85	5.94	31
2016	8	30.64	14.97	92.61	27.97	23.36	0.85	5.05	31
2016	9	28.94	11.04	94.36	25.31	20.32	0.78	3.95	30
2016	10	26.12	5.61	90.75	21.27	17.57	0.63	2.69	31
2016	11	17.02	0.42	94.01	31.91	11.88	0.97	1.55	30
2016	12	12.46	-4.58	92.42	34.85	9.81	0.90	1.09	31
2017	1	12.09	-3.07	91.50	34.41	10.45	1.13	1.29	31
2017	2	17.06	-1.92	89.70	25.02	14.31	1.18	2.06	28
2017	3	22.95	0.91	74.37	15.05	20.61	1.37	3.52	31
2017	4	23.07	3.49	80.21	17.64	23.53	1.28	4.14	30
2017	5	27.10	7.06	79.82	15.55	26.41	1.16	5.02	31
2017	6	32.28	11.42	77.48	13.68	27.46	0.95	5.58	15
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Annual precipitation measured at each weather station

<b>Station Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Precipitation mm</b>	<b>No. of Days Data Collected</b>
Sunland Park	2016	119.37	360
	2017	38.09	105
Saltgrass	2016	238.76	366
	2017	72.91	171
Slake	2016	273.30	325
	2017	95.75	171
Nlake	2016	178.57	199
	2017	75.18	171
South Bosque	2016	206.50	366
	2017	87.12	166
Gherardi	2016	192.80	234
	2017	94.49	166
James	2016	166.12	233
	2017	98.56	166