

Water-Data Report 2009

09396100 PUERCO RIVER NEAR CHAMBERS, AZ

Little Colorado Basin Lower Puerco Subbasin

LOCATION.--Lat 35°10′56″, long 109°26′47″ referenced to North American Datum of 1927, in NW ¼ NE ¼ sec.35, T.21 N., R.27 E., Apache County, AZ, Hydrologic Unit 15020007, on right bank 0.5 mi upstream from Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Co. bridge, and 1 mi southwest of Chambers.

DRAINAGE AREA.--2,156 mi² of which 50 mi² probably is noncontributing.

SURFACE-WATER RECORDS

PERIOD OF RECORD.--Water years 1971-72 (annual maximums only), Jan. 1973 to current year (daily mean discharge above 500 ft³/s only).

REVISED RECORDS .-- WDR AZ-88-1: Drainage area.

- GAGE.--Water-stage recorder. Elevation of gage is 5,720 ft above sea level, from topographic map. Prior to Mar. 7, 1989, water-stage recorder at site 0.5 mi downstream at different datum, now used as supplementary gage.
- REMARKS.--Records poor. Only daily mean discharges above 500 ft³/s are published, there were no publishable days this water year. Small diversions above station for irrigation and livestock. Red Lake, near the headwaters of Black Creek, was built in 1954; the capacity was 9,700 acre-ft, but capacity may have been reduced by silting.
- EXTREMES FOR PERIOD OF RECORD.--Maximum discharge, 17,800 ft³/s Sept. 30, 1971, gage height, 9.65 ft, site and datum then in use; no flow observed on many days each year.

EXTREMES FOR CURRENT YEAR .-- Peak discharges greater than base discharge of 3,000 ft3/s and (or) maximum (*):

| Date | Time | Discharge (ft³/s) | Gage height (ft) | | | |
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DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND WATER YEAR OCTOBER 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 2009 DAILY MEAN VALUES