

Fryingpan-Arkansas Supplemental Water Information Sheet

2025 Project Water and Return Flow Allocations

General Information

- Average Water Year: About 60,000 acre-feet in imports yields an average of 46,000 acre-feet annually.
- Allocations are based on the annual May 1 forecast which includes snowpack and assumption of normal precipitation. About 30 percent of Project Water arrives as precipitation as the snowpack melts.
- Allocation Principles and policies, reserve at least 54.59% of Project Water for municipal use and 45.41% for irrigation. As listed in the table to the right.
- Water allocations for irrigation requests are made pro rata based on eligible acres.

Fry-Ark Water Allocation Principals

Municipal	
Fountain Valley Authority	25%
East of Pueblo	12%
Pueblo	10%
West of Pueblo	4%
NPANI	3.59%
Available to Irrigation	45.41%

2025 Weather Condition and Snowpack

- The table to the right shows how Reclamation's forecast changed throughout the first four months of 2025. The snowpack was about average until April, when dry, warm conditions prevailed and cut the snowpack to two-thirds of average. As a result, the forecast was lowered.

2025 Reclamation Imports Forecast

February 1	57,500 AF
March 1	55,800 AF
April 1	58,100 AF
May 1	42,300 AF

2025 Project Water Allocation Approved

- Based on the May 1 forecast imports, an estimated 37,063 acre-feet (AF) of Project is available for allocation.
- Municipalities were authorized 20,233 AF, but only requested 13,437 AF.
- 23,626 AF available for Irrigation, which is 6,796 AF more than would otherwise be available.

2025 Allocation

Allocation Type	Authorized	Approved
Municipal	18,902 AF or 51.00%	12,106 AF at 32.66%
NPANIW	1,331 AF or 3.59%	1,331 at 3.59%
Agricultural	16,830 AF or 45.41%	23,626 AF at 63.75%
Total	37,063 AF or 100%	37,063 AF or 100%

2025 Initial Release 70 percent

- Prior to any water release Project Water and Return Flow must be paid for in full.
- Due to uncertain weather conditions, 70 percent of the approved Project Water allocations may be available for release prior to July 1.
- If imports are sufficient, the remainder of Project Water will be released after July 1. If not, partial payment will be refunded.
- Since municipal water requests were below 70 percent, all municipal water will be released prior to July 1.