

A wide-angle photograph of a dry, cracked riverbed. The foreground is filled with dark, cracked mud. In the middle ground, there is a wide, flat expanse of light-colored sand and gravel. In the background, there is a line of trees and a range of blue mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

**CONSERVATION
CONVERSATION
PROBLEM SOLVING**

**PRESENTED BY
RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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- COMPOSED OF FIVE VALLEY COUNTIES: RIO GRANDE, MINERAL, CONEJOS, SAGUACHE, AND ALAMOSA.
- CONEJOS WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
- ALAMOSA-LA JARA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
- SAN LUIS VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
- RIO GRANDE WATER USERS ASSOCIATION
- SAGUACHE CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION
- CITIES, COUNTIES, IRRIGATION COMPANIES

THE RGWCD

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

- Monitored groundwater levels Valleywide for over 30 years.
- Assisted the USGS in their annual mass measurements of wells.
- Monitored confined aquifer wells since 1984.
- Insisted on the drilling of 20 new confined wells for the RGDSS.
- Funded water quality monitoring at the Lobatos gauge.
- Participated in and monitored development of RGDSS.
- Funded multiyear study of the use of water by native plants.
- Held conferences, wrote newsletters, press releases.

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WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

- Continue to work to understand our complex water system.
- Analyze the Valley for additional data needs.
- Design and fund programs to obtain that data.
- Continue our programs of education and outreach.