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Provided by USCOE staff during site visit.

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max storage at Abiquiu — Annual — native

Date	Category	Otowi Volume (ac-ft)	SJC Storage (ac-ft)	Flood Control Storage (ac-ft)	Total Storage (ac-ft)	Elevation (ft)
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