

***Five Laws That Won't Change:
Is that a problem
for the Rio Grande?***

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5 major laws – carved in stone?

Winters doctrine: water rights for tribal lands

NM Const. Article XVI: prior appropriation

Rio Grande Compact: required delivery to TX

Federal reservoirs: purposes set by Congress

Endangered Species: feds can't cause jeopardy



Although the words of these (and other) laws may never change, it is possible to change the ways the laws are interpreted and applied.

That will not be easy, but it can be done.