Understanding the Currents of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Water

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El Grito de la Agua

Clear and crisp
So brown and dry
Rain and snow
Trickle Putrescence by

Mighty watercourses
Seized by private hands
Feed stainless steel faucets
On ticky tacky lands

Potable tanks
Through colonias roll
No pipes nor toilets
Hands cupped soul

Rotating cannons soak

One manicured lawn

Hundreds of gallons wasted

Every dusk and dawn

900 million remain
Thirsty cockroach brethren
Cannot even afford
Metered tears from heaven

Some buffalos divert
For their own foul use
Beneficial cities arise
Reservoirs dammed refuse

Other buffalos decry
Trunk lines so slight
Denying entrée to
A fountain of human rights

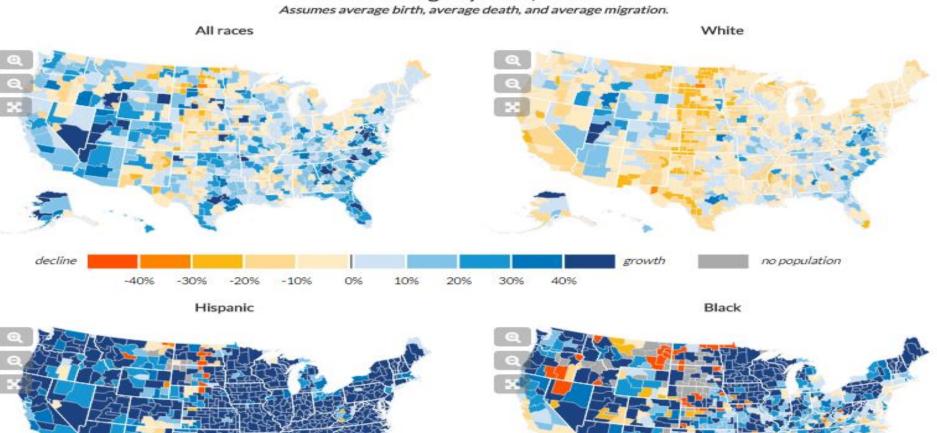
Onyx Blue
Flood fields of grain
Indigo Auburn
Drown streets they stain

Aqua White
Choke saline rivers
Bronze shoulders
Hunched over empty aquifers

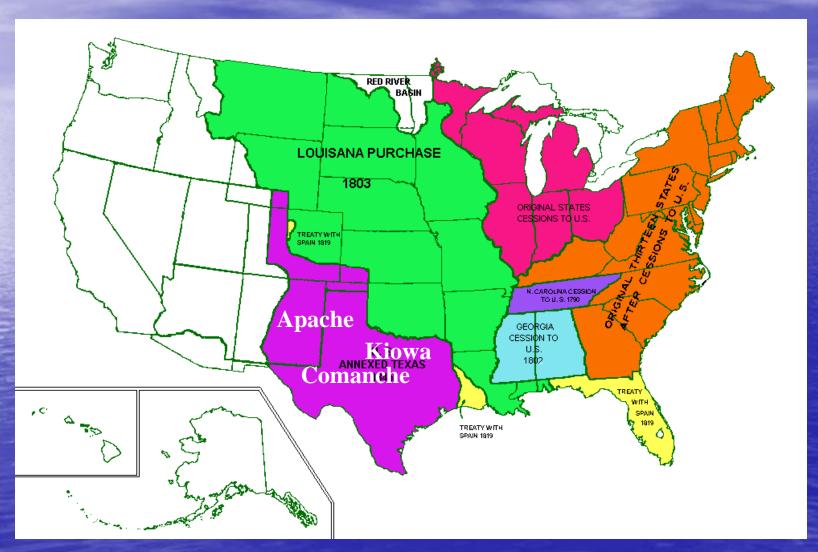
Blue it looks Brown it stinks Gold it taps Green it drinks

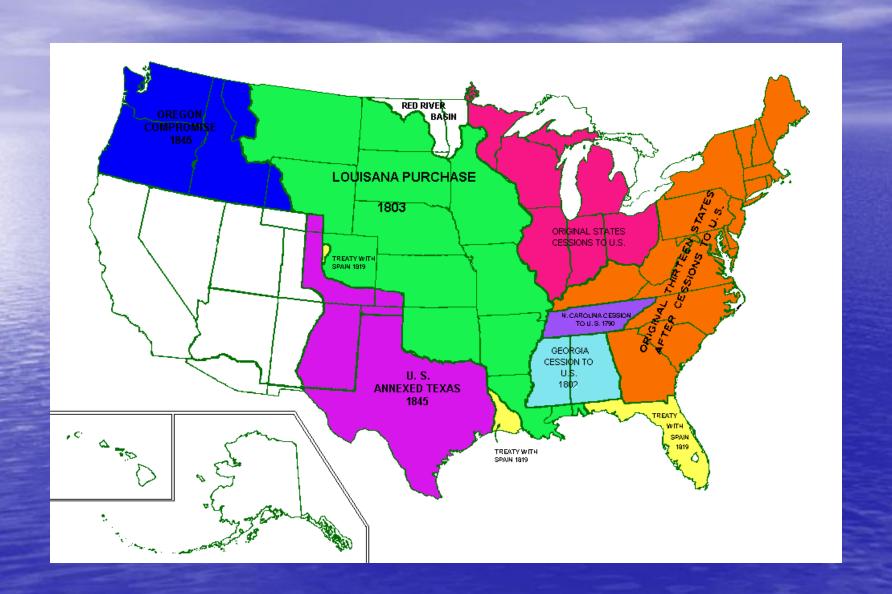
Why diversity, equity, and inclusion matter

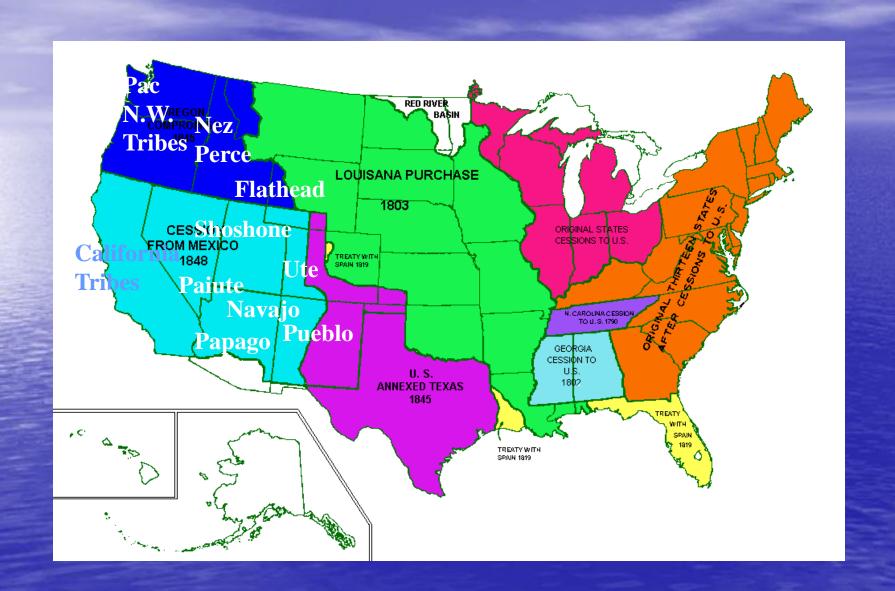
Percent Change by Race, 2010-2030



The Past as Prologue to Our Water Present







The Acequias of New Mexico and Colorado

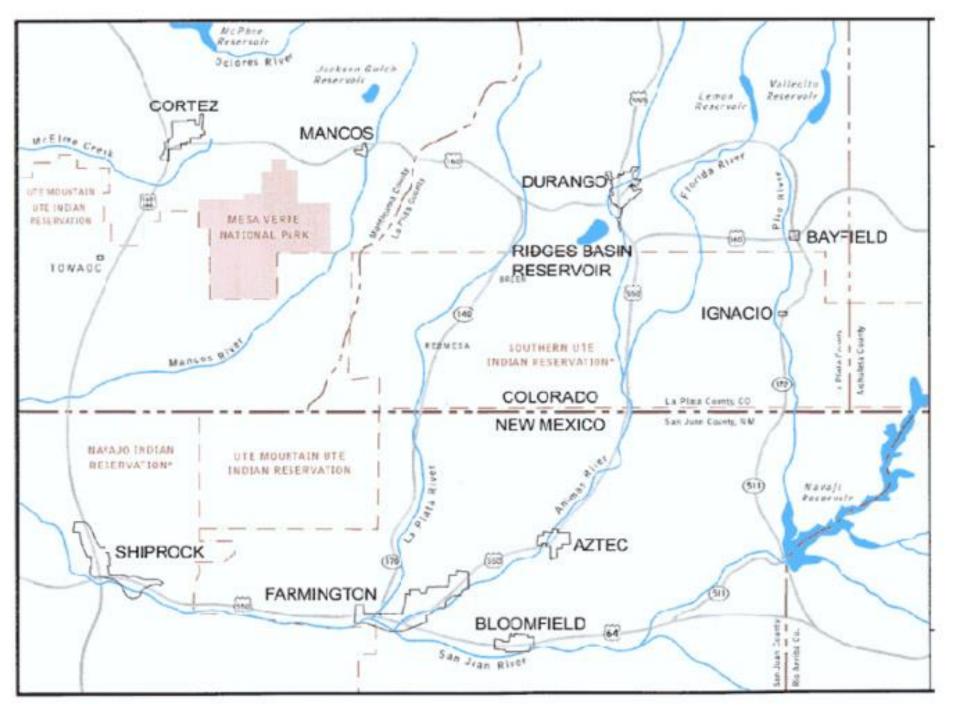


The People's Ditch San Luis, Colorado

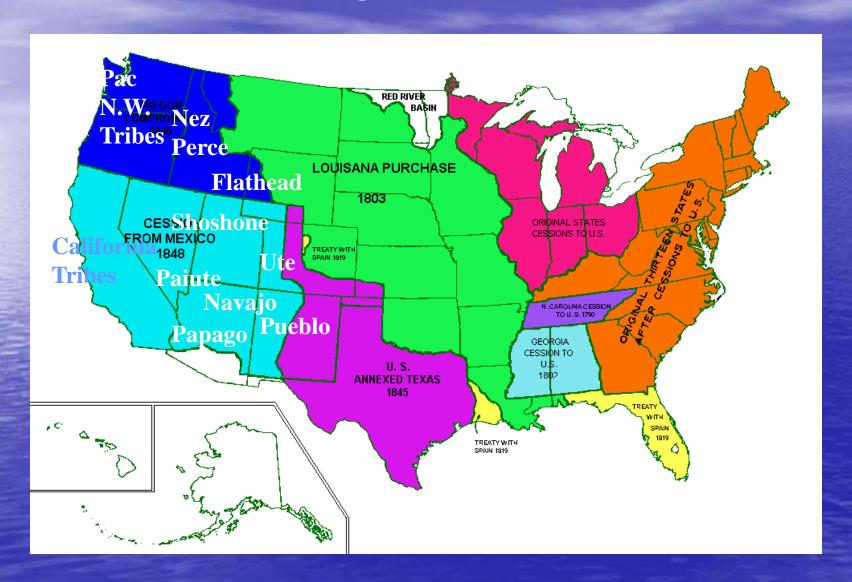
Indian Water Rights and the Animas La-Plata Project



Lake Nighthorse



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