

## Española Valley, Rio Grande and Tributaries, New Mexico

(1999 Feasibility)

The study area is in the City of Española in north-central New Mexico. A feasibility study which evaluated current conditions and made recommendations for a levee to reduce flood damages, was never completed because of real estate issues (the levee alignment is on Santa Clara tribal lands) and because non-federal funds required for cost-sharing were not available. Since the time of that 1996 feasibility study, growth and development along the Rio Grande and its tributaries have increased the potential for flooding. In addition, city and tribal officials want environmental restoration added as a study purpose.

The study is currently in deferred status. However, there is potential for studies to resume in FY 02 and to be continued into future FY's.

