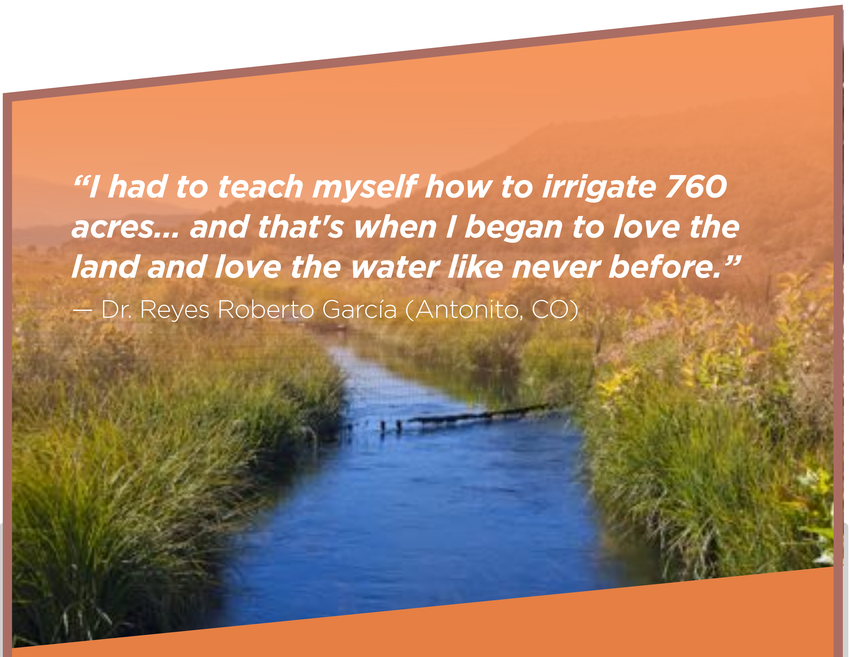

“I had to teach myself how to irrigate 760 acres... and that’s when I began to love the land and love the water like never before.”

— Dr. Reyes Roberto García (Antonito, CO)

WATER USE IN THE FOUR CORNERS

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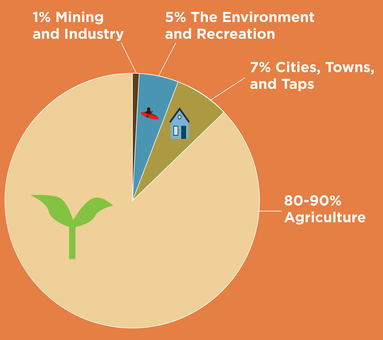
EL CONSUMO DEL AGUA EN LAS CUATRO ESQUINAS

In the Four Corners, water is life. We depend on water for our lives and our livelihoods. Water use varies from town to town and from person to person. This pie chart shows how we put our water to use.



Agriculture: Water for Food
Most of the water we have available goes to irrigate crops. Much of that water goes to raise alfalfa, which is used to feed livestock. Some of that water goes to raise food for people.

Cities, Towns, and Taps: Water for Health and Comfort
Cities, towns, and local governing bodies use their water to supply homes and businesses in their communities.

Mining and Industry: Water to Fuel Our Lives
Our limited water resources are also used for mining gold and copper, and to extract oil and gas for energy. Water left over from mining can harm the environment and is difficult to clean or reuse.

The Environment and Recreation: Water for Life and Relaxation
Some water remains in the environment. This water helps plants and animals live. This water also provides for recreation, allowing people to raft down rivers, fish in streams, or view spring wildflowers. Water flowing through the environment attracts people to enjoy the outdoors.

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