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## **New Mexico State Engineer Hires Public Relations Assistant**

**(SANTA FE, New Mexico)** – New Mexico State Engineer John D’Antonio has selected a new public relations specialist to be based at the agency headquarters in Santa Fe.

**Yvette Chavez** began her position on February 16. Prior to that, she worked as an intern for the agency’s Public Information Office for eight months. Before that, she also interned for Merrill Lynch in Albuquerque, New Mexico from 2002 to 2003 and at Citibank in Albuquerque, in 2002.

Chavez received a bachelor’s degree in journalism with an emphasis in public relations from the University of New Mexico in 2003.

“Chavez will be assisting our agency’s Public Information Officer with proactive communication to the news media and the general public about critical water issues affecting New Mexico,” said State Engineer D’Antonio.

The Office of the State Engineer is charged with administering the state's water resources. The State Engineer has power over the supervision, measurement, appropriation, and distribution of all surface and groundwater in New Mexico, including streams and rivers that cross state boundaries. The State Engineer is also Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission and oversees its staff

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The Interstate Stream Commission is charged with separate duties including protecting New Mexico's right to water under eight interstate stream compacts, ensuring the state complies with each of those compacts, as well as water planning.

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