



— MEDIA ADVISORY —

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An **Informational Open House/Public Meeting** regarding one of the longest water rights cases on the books in New Mexico -- the **Aamodt case** -- will be hosted by the Office of the State Engineer on **Tuesday, June 15**.

The event will provide information to address concerns expressed by area residents. The open house will provide forums on hydrology, the proposed regional water system, specifics of the proposed settlement, and water quality.

Representatives from the Office of the State Engineer, Interstate Stream Commission, County of Santa Fe, and the State Environment Department are scheduled to attend.

An agreement between parties of the Aamodt Case, which was filed in 1966 with a total of 2,500 defendants, would resolve the claims of Nambe Pueblo, Pojoaque Pueblo, Tesuque Pueblo, and San Ildefonso Pueblo as well as non-Pueblo water users including the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County for the use of waters of the Rio Pojoaque in northcentral New Mexico.

The proposed settlement agreement is intended to adjudicate the four Pueblos' water rights and provide for the development of a regional water system to serve all parties in the Aamodt Adjudication. For centuries, Pueblo and non-Pueblo water users have used the stream flows of the Rios Nambe, Pojoaque, and Tesuque for irrigation.

- What:** **Proposed Aamodt Settlement Agreement
Informational Open House/Public Meeting**
- Where:** **Frank B. Lopez High School Gymnasium**
1798 State Rd. 502
Santa Fe, New Mexico
- When:** **Tuesday, June 15, 2004**
- Time:** **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
- Directions:** Take Highway 285-84 north from Santa Fe. Take the Los Alamos exit to Highway 502. Turn at the first right and enter into the Pojoaque High School. Gym is located in front of the high school.
- Contact:** **Karin Stangl, Public Information Officer -- (505) 827-6139**

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