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Financial Services Bureau Chief for the Office of the State Engineer Receives Prestigious Award

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) — State Engineer John D’Antonio has announced that **Dinah Sanchez**, was selected *Finance Manager of the Year* on May 26 by the New Mexico Chapter of Association of Government Accountants in Santa Fe.

Sanchez is the Financial Services Bureau Chief for the Office of the State Engineer’s Program Support Division.

The Association of Government Accountants is an educational organization dedicated to prudent public financial management.

Nominated by her colleagues, Sanchez was selected for being a “true leader as she works with employees to satisfy the goals of the agency by being open minded to suggestions and new strategies,” and that she is also “generous in her knowledge and encourages her employees to succeed. ”

“This is a very prestigious award,” said Herman Garcia, Program Support Director for the Office of the State Engineer. “Sanchez’s broad scope of knowledge and unique ability to manage the numerous responsibilities associated with her job make this award well deserved.”

Sanchez has worked with the Office of the State Engineer since 1985, where she began her tenure as a financial specialist. In her current position, she oversees eleven employees who manage finances, procurements, contracts, and fixed assets for the agency. Prior to joining the Office of the State Engineer, she was a financial specialist for the Department of Transportation for one year.

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Also, Sanchez is the treasurer for the Costilla Creek Compact Commission.

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 ground water 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.

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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