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State Engineer Hires New Bureau Chief for Water Use and Conservation/Subdivision Review Bureau

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – State Engineer John D’Antonio has selected a new bureau chief for the Office of the State Engineer’s Water Use and Conservation/Subdivision Review Bureau.

John Longworth began his position on June 7.

Before this position, Longworth was an engineer for the Interstate Stream Commission’s Pecos Bureau where he held the post of project manager for the Pecos Settlement Adjudication. Also, Longworth worked for the agency’s Rio Grande Bureau from 1998 to 1999. Prior to that, he worked as an environmental engineer for three different engineering firms in New York from 1992 through 1996.

“Longworth’s management skills and extensive technical and policy work for the Interstate Stream Commission will be a benefit to our Water Use and Conservation/Subdivision Review Bureau,” said State Engineer John D’Antonio.

The Water Use and Conservation/Subdivision Review Bureau inventories surface and groundwater withdrawals and depletions by category, county, and river basin; maintains water-use-data-bases; and analyzes crop, weather; water-use data and reviews subdivision proposals submitted by counties in New Mexico. In addition, the bureau coordinates water conservation activities for the general public, schools, public water suppliers, and businesses.

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"My primary objectives as the new bureau chief will be to obtain sufficient funding to increase the Bureau's conservation program activities and to incorporate innovative technologies in our water use calculations," said Longworth.

Longworth received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from State University of New York in Buffalo, New York in 1992. In 1999, he received a master of science degree in environmental engineering from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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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