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State Engineer Hires New Engineer for Dam Safety Bureau

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – New Mexico State Engineer John D’Antonio has hired a new engineer to perform design reviews and field inspections on new and existing dams that are under state jurisdiction.

James Head assumed his position in Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 7.

“Head will augment our efforts on implementing the agency’s dam safety rules and regulations,” said State Engineer John D’Antonio. “His experience will be an asset to our agency.”

Head was previously employed as an engineer with the California Department of Water Resources Division of Dam Safety in Sacramento, California from 1994 to 2004. During his tenure he worked for the division’s Design Engineering Branch and the Field Engineering Branch. From 1992 to 1994, he was an engineer for the department’s Design and Construction Bureau. From 1990 to 1992, he was a water resource engineer for James M. Montgomery Consulting Engineers, Inc. in Sacramento, California. In 1990, he worked as an engineer for the Amador County Water Agency in Sutter Creek, California.

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Head received bachelor of science degrees in civil engineering and agricultural engineering from New Mexico State University in 1988. In 1999, he received a master of science degree in civil engineering with an emphasis in geotechnical engineering from California State University in Sacramento, California.

Head is a licensed professional civil engineer in California and New Mexico, and is a member of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials.

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.

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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