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State Engineer Hires New General Counsel for Interstate Stream Commission

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – New Mexico State Engineer John D’ Antonio has hired **Tanya Trujillo** as the new general counsel for the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission.

Trujillo began working for the agency on June 7.

A native of Las Vegas, New Mexico, Trujillo received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Stanford University in Stanford, California in 1989. She completed her juris doctorate at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa in 1992. During her tenure at the University of Iowa, she was the associate editor for the *Journal of International Law and Contemporary Problems*.

Previously, Trujillo was a partner with the law firm Holland & Hart in Santa Fe, New Mexico from 2002 to 2004, where she specialized in natural resources law. Before Holland & Hart and Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan merged in 2001, she was an associate attorney with the latter firm from 2000 to 2001. From 1997 to 2000, she was an associate attorney with Simons, Cuddy, & Friedman, LLP in Santa Fe. From 1992 to 1996, she began her tenure with Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan as an associate attorney. In 1992, she was a law clerk with the Office of the State Engineer in Santa Fe.

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“Trujillo’s knowledge of New Mexico water law as well as her familiarity with our agency will be tremendous assets,” said State Engineer John D’Antonio. “Her diverse legal experience will be a good fit for meeting the needs of the Interstate Stream Commission.”

Trujillo is admitted to practice law in the State of New Mexico, the U.S. District Court of New Mexico, and the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

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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