



— MEDIA ADVISORY —

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(SANTA FE, New Mexico) — Revisions to a **proposed settlement agreement** between the **Navajo Nation** and the **State of New Mexico** will be reviewed next Monday at a public meeting in Farmington. The proposed agreement would resolve the claims of the Navajo Nation for the use of waters of the San Juan River Basin in northwestern New Mexico.

The proposed settlement is intended to provide water rights and associated water development projects for the benefit of the Navajo Nation in exchange for a release of claims to water that could potentially displace existing non-Navajo water users in the basin. The Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project would be the cornerstone of proposed settlement projects.

Officials to attend the public meeting will include: New Mexico State Engineer John D'Antonio, Interstate Stream Commissioners and Director Estevan López, the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission, Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources officials, and others.

The proposed settlement agreement can be downloaded from the Office of the State Engineer's website at www.ose.state.nm.us in advance of the public meeting.

- What:** **Public Meeting on the Revised Proposed Water Rights Settlement Agreement between the Navajo Nation and the State of New Mexico**
- Where:** **Farmington Civic Center**
200 West Arrington Street
Farmington, NM
- When:** **Monday, August 2, 2004**
- Time:** **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
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