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State Engineer Hires New Attorney for Administrative Litigation Unit

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – New Mexico State Engineer John D' Antonio has hired **Uday Joshi** as a new attorney for the Administrative Litigation Unit in the Water Rights Division for the Office of the State Engineer.

He began working for the agency on December 6.

Joshi earned bachelor of arts degrees in environmental science and international relations from The American University in Washington D.C. in 1998. He received a masters degree in water resources and a juris doctor with an emphasis in natural resources law from the University of New Mexico in 2004. During Joshi's tenure at the university, he was a staff editor for the Natural Resources Journal.

From 1997 to 2000, he was a program manager for marine science and technology issues for the Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's International Activities Office in Washington D.C. He was admitted to the New Mexico State Bar in 2004.

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"Joshi's knowledge of water and legal issues in the State of New Mexico, as well as his diverse background, will be beneficial to the hearing and litigation process in our agency," said State Engineer John D'Antonio.

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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