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## **New Planning and Communication Director is Appointed to the Office of the State Engineer and Interstate Stream Commission**

**(SANTA FE, New Mexico)** – New Mexico State Engineer John D' Antonio announced today that there is a new Director of the Planning and Communication Division for the Office of the State Engineer and Interstate Stream Commission.

**Karin Stangl** started her new position on May 7. Her responsibilities will include directing the agency's communication outreach efforts as well as the regional and state water planning program.

Stangl was the Public Information Officer for the Office of the State Engineer and Interstate Stream Commission since March of 2003.

"Effective communication and strategic planning are integrally linked. Stangl brings a wealth of public relations expertise to this position and has considerable training in media relations and crisis communications," said State Engineer John D'Antonio. "Her award-winning media communications plan to support our State Water Plan helped involve the general public in our state planning efforts."

Before coming to the Office of the State Engineer, Stangl worked as the Assistant Commissioner of Communication for the New Mexico State Land Office from 1999-2002. She was the senior media representative for PNM, Public Service Company of New Mexico, before coming to the State Land Office from 1995-1999. Prior to that, she worked 13 years for the University of New Mexico School of Medicine's Biomedical Communications Department. Also, she worked as a morning news anchor/reporter for KOAT-TV for three years.

Stangl received a Master of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico. She received her accreditation in public relations from the Public Relations Society of America in 2001.

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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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