



Media Advisory

(PECOS VALLEY, NM) Three public meetings to comment on the **public review draft of the rules and regulations** for water administration on the Lower Pecos River stream system will be held by the Office of the State Engineer, on **August 30**, in Carlsbad, **August 31**, in Fort Sumner, and **September 12**, in Roswell, New Mexico. Comments received will be taken into consideration in the final version of the rules and regulations.

State Engineer John D'Antonio will make a presentation about how effective water administration can maximize water supplies and prevent waste during continuing drought conditions.

The Lower Pecos is one of seven basins in New Mexico targeted by the State Engineer for **Active Water Resource Management** initiatives. Steps toward priority administration, the hiring of water masters, and options such as water banking and shortage sharing will be explained.

All water users in the Lower Pecos River Basin are invited to attend, as well as others with an interest in water issues.

Carlsbad Meeting

Tuesday, August 30, 2005

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Pecos River Valley Convention Center (Carousel Room)

711 Muscatel Ave., Carlsbad, NM 87111

(From Hwy 285 turn east on Green St. for ½ mile

turn left on Muscatel Ave. and convention center is ½ mile on the left)

Fort Sumner Meeting

Wednesday, August 31, 2005

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Fort Sumner State Monument (Bosque Redondo Monument)

(Take Hwy 60/84 east from Fort Sumner for 3 miles

turn south on Billy the Kid Road and drive for 3 ½ miles

pass the Fort Sumner Museum and turn into next entrance)

Roswell Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2005

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Roswell Convention Center (Exhibit Hall)

912 North Main St., Roswell, NM 88201

(Go north on Hwy 70 (Main St.) Roswell Convention Center is on the corner of 9th St. and Main)

For More Info Contact:

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A special Lincoln County Commission meeting to discuss the draft will also be held in Hondo, New Mexico on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hondo Valley Schools Multi-Purpose room. The school is located at the corner of Hwy 70 and Hwy 380.

*Note: The proposed rules and regulations can be downloaded from the Office of the State Engineer's website at www.ose.state.nm.us. Comments regarding Active Water Resource Management in the Lower Pecos River Basin and the draft rules and regulations will be accepted through September 23, 2005. Please mail comments to **Christina Malessa, P.O. Box 25102, Santa Fe, NM 87504** or email christina.malessa@state.nm.us.*

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