



# Media Advisory

-- September 13, 2005 --

**(DEMING, New Mexico)** – A **public meeting** to discuss a **motion** filed by the State Engineer with the Sixth Judicial District Adjudication Court regarding the administration of the Mimbres River Stream System and Mimbres Underground Water Basin will be held by the Office of the State Engineer on **Tuesday, September 20**, in Deming, New Mexico.

The motion, which was filed on July 27, 2005, requests the court to relinquish jurisdiction to the State Engineer over administration of the Final Decree for the Mimbres River Stream System and Mimbres Underground Water Basin to avoid any confusion that might be caused by overlapping water administration districts.

Office of the State Engineer staff will also make a presentation about the need for active administration of water rights and the creation of a water master district on the Upper Mimbres River. In addition, steps toward priority administration, the hiring of water masters, and alternative administration options such as water banking and shortage sharing will be explained.

The Upper Mimbres is one of seven basins in New Mexico targeted by the State Engineer's **Active Water Resource Management** initiative.

A court hearing to consider the motion is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 25, 2005**, at the Grant County District Court, in Silver City, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 20, 2005

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Mimbres Valley Learning Center  
2300 East Pine St.  
Deming, NM

**DIRECTIONS:** Located off of Pine Street, approximately 1.0 mile east of the Pine Street and Gold Street intersection.

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