



-- MEDIA ADVISORY --

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(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – The Office of the State Engineer will conduct a public open house to explain a revised draft of the proposed *Aamodt Settlement Agreement* on **Monday, February 27** in Pojoaque, New Mexico.

The proposed *Settlement Agreement* was negotiated among the Nambe, Tesuque, Pojoaque and San Ildefonso Pueblos, the State of New Mexico, the City and County of Santa Fe and various non-Indian water right owners from the region. This draft of the proposed *Settlement Agreement* was posted for public review on February 1, 2006.

This open house forum will allow experts in the fields of hydrology, infrastructure, and law to inform participants about such topics as they relate to the Aamodt Settlement agreement. The public may attend at any time during the three-hour open house and will be shown a prepared overview of the settlement agreement. Once participants have viewed this presentation they are free to move about the various information stations and talk to the experts.

The *Aamodt* adjudication is the longest-running lawsuit in the federal court system and will determine the quantity and priority date of all water rights in the Nambe-Tesuque-Pojoaque basin.

The proposed *Settlement Agreement* is posted on the Office of the State Engineer website at www.ose.state.nm.us under "Hot Topics."

WHAT: Open House to familiarize parties with the Proposed Aamodt Settlement Agreement

WHEN: Monday, February 27, 2006

**WHERE: Pablo Roybal Elementary School-Multi-purpose Room
1574 State Rd. 502
Jacona, New Mexico**

TIME: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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