



Media Advisory

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(LAS CRUCES, New Mexico) – A public meeting to discuss the Proposed Domestic Well Rules and Regulations will be held by the Office of the State Engineer on Tuesday, February 21, in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

State Engineer John D'Antonio will make a presentation about how the proposed domestic well rules and regulations were modified to reflect the rising demand on existing water supplies in the state and the current administrative practices for issuing permits. After the presentation, the State Engineer will take questions from the public on the proposed rules and regulations.

The proposed regulations will govern diversion rates, domestic well management areas, expedited water transfers, and domestic well fees in the state.

Comments received at the meeting will be taken into consideration before adopting a final version of these rules and regulations.

A public hearing on the rules and regulations will be held on Friday, April 21, 2006, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, at the Larazolo Auditorium in the Runnels Building located at 1190 South Saint Francis Drive.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 21, 2006
TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
PLACE: New Mexico State University
Gerald Thomas Hall -- Room 194
(Located at the corner of College St. and Knox St.)

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Also, Office of the State Engineer staff will address questions from the public regarding the Lower Rio Grande Water District metering requirements, and the March 1, 2006, metering deadline.

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 the proposed rules and regulations will be accepted through April 7, 2006. Please mail comments to Paul Wells, Water Rights Division P.O. Box 25102, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or email paul.wells@state.nm.us