



-- 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 20** 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 have the option to view a prepared overview of the settlement agreement.

Our goal is to allow everyone to understand all of the components of this settlement and what they mean to each individual. This way participants can make a fully informed choice to be for or against the settlement.

Larry White an attorney for non-Pueblo Tesuque residents will be giving a presentation with information specific to the Tesuque area at 6:30 p.m. for those who wish to be there at that time.

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 20, 2006**

WHERE: **Tesuque Elementary School Gymnasium
1555 Bishops Lodge Rd.
Tesuque, New Mexico**

TIME: **5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
*Special Presentation by Larry White at 6:30 p.m.**

DIRECTIONS: **From Santa Fe take NM 285 north to the Tesuque exit, head west.
At the Tesuque Market, turn right on Bishops Lodge Rd.
The school is a block south on the left hand side of the road.**

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