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State Engineer Hires New Communications Officer

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – New Mexico State Engineer John D' Antonio has hired a new Communications Officer to join the Information Technology Support Services.

Lisa Barela began as a Communications Officer on August 28, 2006. She was previously employed in the General Services Department, where she was stationed at the Enterprise Support Desk from 1999 to 2006. Prior to that she served as the Communications Officer for the Department of Public Safety from 1994 to 1999.

"As a communication officer, Barela will be in charge of ordering and managing communication services, said State Engineer John D'Antonio. "In addition, she will be contributing technical support to the ongoing Information Technology help desk services."

After graduating from Santa Fe High School, she went on to study speech communication at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico from 1981 to 1982. She then continued the same line of studies at Santa Fe Community College in Santa Fe, New Mexico from 1984-1990.

The Office of the State Engineer is charged with administering the state's water resources. The State Engineer has power over the supervision, measurement, appropriation, and distribution of

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all surface and groundwater in New Mexico, including streams and rivers that cross state boundaries. The State Engineer is also Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission and oversees its staff.

The Interstate Stream Commission is charged with separate duties including protecting New Mexico's right to water under eight interstate stream compacts, ensuring the state complies with each of those compacts, as well as water planning.

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