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State Engineer Hires New Hydrologist

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – New Mexico State Engineer John D' Antonio has hired a new hydrologist to work on developing surface and groundwater models for the Rio Grande basin.

Michael Gabora began his position as a hydrologist with the Office of the State Engineer on August 14, 2006.

"Gabora has spent his career working on various water resource issues," said State Engineer John D'Antonio. "His knowledge will be an asset to our agency."

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in earth and planetary sciences in 1998 from the University of New Mexico (UNM) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Shortly thereafter, he began environmental consulting work as a hydrogeologist, while also pursuing a Master of Science degree part time. In 2003, he earned a Master of Science degree in water resources from UNM.

He is a registered professional geologist in Arizona and is a certified professional hydrologist with the American Institute of Hydrology.

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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