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## **New Mexico State Engineer Hires a New Water Planner**

**(SANTA FE, New Mexico)** – New Mexico State Engineer John D'Antonio has hired a new water planner, who will be located in Santa Fe.

**Angela Schackel Bordegaray** most recently worked as a consultant regional planner and intergovernmental liaison for Los Alamos National Laboratory where she provided planning and technical support regarding water issues from 2004-2006. She was employed as the water resources planner for North Central New Mexico Economic Development District working to implement regional water management plans from 2002-2004. Before that she worked at other planning positions including for the private sector, for the City of Santa Fe, and for the City of Austin, Texas.

She was a regional coordinator for a national migrant and seasonal farm worker job-training program in Central Texas. In addition, she was an international coordinator for leading Spanish language schools in Guatemala. She also served as a legislative aid for US Senator Jeff Bingaman in Washington, DC.

Bordegaray is charged with coordinating state and regional water planning efforts. The New Mexico State Legislature recognizes the need for current and future water planning and has given the Interstate Stream Commission the responsibility for overseeing the process. Fourteen out of sixteen regional water plans have been completed and accepted by the Interstate Stream Commission. The two remaining plans are expected to come before the Commission in 2007.

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“Bordegaray’s experience with public outreach will be important as we update the State Water Plan in 2008, as mandated by the State Legislature,” said State Engineer John D’Antonio. “Her experience will be a great asset in administering our agency’s state and regional planning efforts.”

Bordegaray received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude in political science from the University of New Mexico in 1988. She earned a Masters of Science in community and regional planning at the University of Texas at Austin in 1997.

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 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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