



## Media Advisory

**(ROSWELL, New Mexico)** Three public meetings to present the **district specific rules and regulations** for water administration on the Lower Pecos River stream system will be held by the Office of the State Engineer, on **December 5**, in Carlsbad, **December 6**, in Roswell, and **December 7**, in Ruidoso, New Mexico. These regulations are a result of several drafts that have gone through a lengthy process including public review and public input.

State Engineer John D'Antonio will make a presentation about the importance of these rules and regulations and how they apply to his Active Water Resource Management initiative. These regulations are also an important tool in maintaining interstate compact compliance.

The Lower Pecos is one of seven basins in New Mexico targeted by the State Engineer for **Active Water Resource Management** initiatives. Steps toward priority administration, the hiring of water masters, and options such as water banking and shortage sharing will be explained.

All water users in the Lower Pecos River Basin are invited to attend, as well as others with an interest in water issues.

**Carlsbad Meeting:** **Tuesday, December 5, 2006**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**NMSU Carlsbad Campus**  
Room 153 (Theater)  
1500 University Drive, Carlsbad NM

**Roswell Meeting:** **Wednesday, December 6, 2006**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Roswell Convention Center (Exhibit Hall)**  
912 North Main St., Roswell, NM 88201  
(Go north on Hwy 70 -Main St.) Roswell Convention Center is on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> St. and Main)

**Ruidoso Meeting:** **Thursday, December 7, 2006**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Ruidoso Convention Center (Room 5)**  
111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso NM

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