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Office of the State Engineer Has Irrigation Maintenance DVD Available

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – Saving water and money by proper maintenance of irrigation systems is the focus of a new instructional DVD titled **Irrigation Maintenance 101**.

The DVD is now available, free of charge, though the Office of the State Engineer for employees that are responsible for maintaining public and private outdoor landscapes.

“Currently training for state, city and other institutional workers happens on the job and is not uniform. The DVD will provide standardized information about effective irrigation techniques that will help conserve water resources,” said the Water Use and Conservation Bureau Chief John Longworth.

“Learning to effectively run irrigation systems is a priority for all communities in the state and will benefit everyone by helping with water conservation efforts, as well as improving public landscapes,” said Longworth.

Irrigation Maintenance 101 was a collaborative effort with the Office of the State Engineer, City of Santa Fe and the Film Technician’s Training Program at Santa Fe Community College.

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Irrigation Maintenance 101 is available in English and Spanish. The bilingual DVD is available through the Office of the State Engineer's website at: <http://www.ose.state.nm.us/water-info/conservation/h2o-outreach.html>.

For more information on the DVD, or to receive a free copy, contact the Office of the State Engineer at 1-800-WATERNM or e-mail your order to: waternm@state.nm.us.

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.

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