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State Engineer Hires Engineer Specialist

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – The New Mexico State Engineer has hired a new Engineer Specialist to work in the Roswell Basin Watermaster's Office to implement the Pecos Settlement.

Mike Hunter is charged with reading meters and helping with administration and enforcement of the Pecos Settlement Decree court orders.

"Hunter brings a wealth of experience with water quality testing, inspection, and compliance to our agency," said State Engineer John D'Antonio. "He will assist in the efforts to implement the Pecos Settlement."

Hunter has been employed the past 19 years with the City of Roswell having spent the majority of time as a water laboratory technician and most recently as the City Chemist. He was responsible for chemical analysis of municipal drinking water as well as the effluent for the wastewater treatment plant. He has taught many classes for the New Mexico Water and Wastewater Association.

Hunter has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America for many years and received various merit awards for his work as Scoutmaster.

Hunter received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Phillips University in Enid, OK. He earned his Level IV Water and Wastewater Certifications from the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission.

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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