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State Engineer Hires New Contract Officer

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – The New Mexico State Engineer has hired a new Contract Officer to work in the Interstate Stream Commission Compliance Program in Santa Fe.

Marcos Mendiola will be negotiating, executing and administrating technical contracts. He is also charged with procuring goods and technical services as required by the New Mexico State Procurement Code.

“Mendiola brings a wealth of experience responsibly handling financial functions both in the private and public sectors,” said State Engineer John D’Antonio. “He will be an asset to the agency because of his extensive knowledge and skills.”

Mendiola has been employed the past eight years with the Santa Fe Public Works Department handling the purchasing, budgeting, contract and grant management for several large construction projects, leases and professional services. Prior to that he was with the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division serving as a budget and procurement specialist.

Mendiola received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Financial Management with a minor in Economics from the University of New Mexico.

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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