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## **New Manager for the Canadian River Basin**

**(SANTA FE, New Mexico)** – The New Mexico State Engineer has hired a new manager for the Canadian River Basin to work in the Albuquerque District Office.

**Dr. Mark Murphy** is charged with managing the operation of the Ute Reservoir to assist with making sure New Mexico stays compliant with the Canadian River Compact. He will also be managing settlement agreements for the Eagle Nest Reservoir to conserve, augment and administer surface water use effectively for the state.

“Murphy’s extensive experience working with water resources issues will be a great asset in helping us maintain compliance with the Canadian River Compact,” said State Engineer John D’Antonio. “The Canadian River Compact allocates the waters of the river between New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma.”

Murphy was previously employed for seven years as a water resources scientist for the URS Corporation. He also worked as a water resources scientist for Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Bureau and Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM). He taught hydrogeology and geology courses at Heritage College in Toppenish, Washington and Arizona State in Phoenix, Arizona.

In 1977, Murphy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from the University of California Santa Cruz. He earned a Master of Science degree in geology in 1985 from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM. In 1990, he earned a Ph.D. in geology from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

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 nine-member 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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