



## -- MEDIA ADVISORY --

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### **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Marks Completion of the First Strategic Water Reserve Project**

**(FORT SUMNER, New Mexico)** – The Interstate Stream Commission will be celebrating the first splash of water from the Vaughan Pipeline on Wednesday, July 25 2007 marking the completion of the first project for the Strategic Water Reserve.

Interstate Stream Commission Director Estevan Lopez as well as representatives from Governor Bill Richardson's Office, US Bureau of Reclamation, US Senator Pete Domenici's office, US Senator Jeff Bingaman's office, local dignitaries and others will be participating in a ribbon cutting and ceremonial bucket brigade to deliver water to the Lower Pecos River.

The two-mile pipeline is part of the Strategic Water Reserve Legislation that was passed in 2003 allowing the state to purchase water rights to augment flows to the river. The Vaughan Pipeline is part of a solution to help meet Endangered Species Act needs thus protecting other water rights in the process.

**Where:** **Vaughan Ranch**  
Off of NM Hwy 20 Near Fort Sumner

**When:** **Wednesday, July 25, 2007**

**Time:** **9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Directions:** **From NM Hwy 60 in Fort Sumner take NM Hwy 20 south toward Roswell. Go 5.5 miles and turn left on Lone Wolf Drive. Go 3 miles to Sagebrush Drive and turn left. The event will begin at the firehouse on the right. (From Roswell – Turn right on Lone Wolf Dr after mile marker 40 on NM Hwy 20.)**

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