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State Engineer Hires New Librarian

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – The New Mexico State Engineer has hired a new librarian to work in the Santa Fe District Office.

Polly McCord is charged with managing the operation and maintenance of the Office of the State Engineer Library. The Library is an information source for history, science and use and management of New Mexico's water resources.

"McCord's experience and education in library science will prove to be a great asset in helping to display and maintain the history of the agency in an accessible and organized manner," said State Engineer John D'Antonio. "The Library is also a valuable asset in promoting and supporting the New Mexico State Water Plan."

McCord was previously employed by a variety of public, academic, and special libraries including Amon Carter Museum Library in Fort Worth, Texas. McCord also worked for the Fraser Valley Public Library as well as the San Antonio Public Library, the library at Central New Mexico Community College, and the Architecture library at University of Arizona.

McCord earned a Bachelor's of Arts in Fine Arts from the University of New Mexico in 1993 and a Master of Library Science from Texas Woman's University in 1997.

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The Library is located at 407 Galisteo Street, in the basement of the Bataan building. Operation hours are generally Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by appointment. The Library is open to the public, but visitors are encouraged to call ahead so that staff can have materials ready.

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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