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New Attorney Hired

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission has hired a new attorney who will be based in Santa Fe.

Christopher D. Shaw will be working on multiple projects including the Pecos River settlement and the Navajo Nation water rights settlement. Shaw will also be working with the acequia programs.

“Shaw’s extensive experience and knowledge of environmental law will be a valuable asset in making certain that these settlements are implemented,” said State Engineer John D’Antonio. “The settlements are very important for the individual communities as well as New Mexico as a state.”

Shaw has practiced law for the past 12 years and was previously employed by Dolan & Associates, P.C. in Albuquerque. Shaw also worked for Law & Resource Planning Associates, P.C. in Albuquerque, as well as Dolan & Domenici, P.C., and Hatch, Allen & Shepherd, P.A., both in Albuquerque.

In 1982, Shaw earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of New Mexico. He earned a Master of Arts degree in public administration in 1984 from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM.

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Also, in that same year, Shaw earned his certification in the Energy and Environmental Management Program. In 1994, he earned his law degree from The University of Puget Sound School of Law in Tacoma, Washington.

The nine-member New Mexico 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. The New Mexico State Engineer is the Secretary of the Commission.

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