



Media Advisory

-- February 27, 2008 --

(LAS VEGAS, New Mexico) – The Annual Water Master Meeting to explain and discuss the 2007 Water Master Report for the Rio Gallinas Basin will be held by the Office of the State Engineer **on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 in Las Vegas, New Mexico.**

In addition to highlighting the water master report, State Engineer staff will also cover the agency's plan to administer the Rio Gallinas in times of shortage and the benefits of metering and ditch agreements. The meeting will begin with a brief presentation by State Engineer staff and will be followed by a question and answer session.

The State Engineer declared the Rio Gallinas Basin one of seven priority areas for his Active Water Resource Management initiative. Flows from the Rio Gallinas watershed are unpredictable, and are reliant on snowpack to provide water to the area.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 5, 2008

TIME: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**PLACE: Luna Community College
Samuel F Vigil Learning Resource Center Lecture Hall
366 Luna Drive
Las Vegas, New Mexico**

DIRECTIONS: From Santa Fe, take Exit 343 off I-15 and go left at the stop sign onto Grand Ave. Turn left at the Red Caboose onto New Mexico Ave, then left at the next light onto Hot Springs Blvd. Go two miles, passing the Behavioral Health Institute, and turn left at Luna Community College exit. Go up the hill .3 mile and turn left at the red building and go into the campus. The Samuel F Vigil Learning Resource Center is labeled #4 on the attached map of the campus.

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