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Office of the State Engineer Celebrates Grand Opening of New District Office in Cimarron

(CIMARRON, New Mexico) – The New Mexico Office of the State Engineer opens its District VII Office in Cimarron, New Mexico, which is the first new district office to open in 21 years.

New Mexico State Engineer John D'Antonio, Cimarron Mayor Laura Pavlatich as well as other local and state officials celebrated the historical occasion with a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 3, 2008. D'Antonio, Pavlatich and the supervisor of the new office Tim Farmer, made brief remarks to a crowd of about 50 people. Following the speeches, dignitaries had a ceremonial ribbon cutting, enjoyed refreshments and a tour of the new office.

"We are opening this new location here in northeast New Mexico in response to an increase in water rights related activity, due in part to the declaration of groundwater basins in the area," said State Engineer John D'Antonio. "This new office will help the community by making our services available nearby so our customers will no longer have to make the long drive to Santa Fe."

The District VII Office in Cimarron is the first new district office opened by the State Engineer in 21 years, and will administer water rights for Clayton, Tucumcari and Canadian River underground water basins and basin surface rights. Until now, the district office in Santa Fe has served this area of the state.

"In addition to making our services more accessible, the District VII Cimarron Office is also creating several jobs for area residents, and is in the process of hiring a Mora Water Master, and two additional staff members," said District Supervisor Tim Farmer.

The new office is located at 301 East 9th Street in Cimarron. For questions and information feel free to contact Supervisor Tim Farmer at (575) 376-2410.

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.

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