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## **New Mexico State Engineer to Visit Mimbres Basin To Hear Concerns from Area Water Right Owners**

**(SANTA FE, New Mexico)** – New Mexico State Engineer John D’Antonio will be setting up **one-on-one meetings** with water right owners in the Mimbres Basin to talk with area residents and hear their concerns on **Thursday, October 30, 2008** in **San Lorenzo**.

“This is an opportunity to address water issues that are of importance to the people who live in the Mimbres Basin,” said D’Antonio. “Meetings will be scheduled in 15 minute intervals, so I will be able to talk to as many people as possible during my visit.”

To make an appointment to talk to the State Engineer, please contact Kristina Eckhart in Santa Fe at **(505) 827-6091**, or via e-mail at [kristina.eckhart@state.nm.us](mailto:kristina.eckhart@state.nm.us)

- WHAT:** “One-on-One Meeting with the State Engineer John D’Antonio”
- WHEN:** Thursday, October 30, 2008 - 10:00 am until 4:00 pm
- WHERE:** San Lorenzo Elementary School, 2655 Highway 35, San Lorenzo, NM
- DIRECTIONS:** **From Silver City**, travel east on Highway 180 7.5 miles. Turn left onto State Road 152 and travel east 14.4 miles. Turn left onto SR-35 and travel .5 miles to the junction of SR 35 and Acklin Hill Road. Turn right. The school is on the left side of the road as soon as you turn, and can be seen just across from the junction at Acklin Hill and State Road 35.
- From Deming**, travel 24.1 miles northwest on Highway 180. Turn right onto State Road 61 and travel 25 miles to the junction of SR 61 and SR 152. Turn left onto SR 152 and travel .8 miles to SR 35 turn-off. Turn right and travel to the junction of SR 35 and Acklin Hill Road (.5 miles). San Lorenzo Elementary is to the left as soon as you turn to the right. It is visible from the junction.

*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 the Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission and oversees its staff.*

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