



Media Advisory

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(LAS CRUCES, New Mexico) – A **public meeting** to gather regional input for the an update of New Mexico's first State Water Plan will be launched in the Lower Rio Grande Region by the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission in Las Cruces, New Mexico on **April 14**.

State statute requires the State Water Plan be updated every five years due to changed conditions since the first plan was completed in 2003.

This meeting is the first in a series of 21 public meetings to be held in all 16 planning regions around the state, which will be taking place between April and June.

This public forum will provide an opportunity for interested citizens to take an active role in discussions of water issues that have occurred since the State Water Plan was completed in 2003, which affect the region -- such as population growth, increased demand, drought contingency measures, climate variability, strategies for conservation, and other issues.

The nine-member Interstate Stream Commission is responsible for apportioning water between New Mexico and neighboring states on streams that cross state borders. The Commission also was given water planning responsibility for the state.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 14

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Rd.
Las Cruces, New Mexico

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(Note: For a full list of public meetings scheduled around the state, please contact the Office of the State Engineer's website at www.ose.state.nm.us on the front page under "Hot Topics" – "State Water Plan Update.")