



-- MEDIA ADVISORY --

(March 24, 2010)

Storrie Diversion Opening Celebration in Rio Gallinas Basin

(LAS VEGAS, New Mexico) – A ceremony to acknowledge the collaborative efforts between the City of Las Vegas, Office of the State Engineer, Rio Gallinas Acequia Association, Storrie Lake Water Users Association, and Natural Resources Conservation District toward completion of the Storrie diversion weir, river gate and measuring structures will be held in Las Vegas, NM next week.

This project was needed to solve a stream flow water management problem that was occurring at the Storrie Lake Project point of diversion on the Gallinas River. The river gate serves as the principal device for controlling irrigation water, storm runoff, and heavy spring flows downstream.

**Where: Luna Community College
Student Services Center Conference Room
366 Luna Drive
Las Vegas, New Mexico**

When: Wednesday, March 31, 2010

**Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am
11:30 am – Ribbon Cutting at Storrie Headgate**

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Directions to Opening Ceremony at Luna Community College:

- Take I-25 to exit 343, 345, or 347 into Las Vegas.
- From exit 343 or 345, take S. Grand Ave. North to Mills Ave.
OR From exit 347 take S. Grand Ave. South to Mills Ave.
- Turn west onto Mills Ave. and travel 1.4 miles to Hotsprings Blvd.
- Turn north on Hotsprings Blvd and travel 1.5 miles to NM-144.
- Turn left (west) on NM-144 and then turn immediately left (north) onto Luna Dr.
- Luna Community College's main campus is at the top of the hill.
- Watch for directional signs to the Student Services Center.
- Ribbon Cutting to follow at Storrie Headgate about 11:30

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The Office of the State Engineer is charged with administering the state's water resources. The State Engineer has the responsibility to allocate, measure, administer, and oversee the 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.

The nine-member 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.

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