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Office of the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission Leaders Receive Awards of Excellence

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) -- The Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce recognized New Mexico State Engineer John D'Antonio and New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission Director Estevan López, for their outstanding public service to New Mexico at their board meeting last week.

"Excellent employees in public service are important to our state's growth and prosperity," said Chairman of the Board Pat Vincent-Collawn. "We are pleased to recognize their excellent service which was also helpful to the business community."

President of Bohannon Huston Inc, Brian Burnett, an active member of the Chamber and business leader in the water area, presented the awards of excellence to D'Antonio and López. They were honored for their exemplary, hard work on water issues for the state of New Mexico.

Others recognized were New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Fred Mondragon, State of New Mexico DWI Czar Rachel O'Connor, and New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions Secretary Ken Ortiz.

"As some of these individuals end their current service to New Mexico, we wanted to recognize and acknowledge the very good work they did for this state," said President and CEO of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Terri Cole.

The Office of the State Engineer is charged with administrating 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.

The nine-member Interstate Stream Commission is charged with separate duties including protection New Mexico's right to water under eight interstate stream compacts, ensuring the state complies with each of those compacts as well as investigating, conserving and protecting the waters of the state, in addition to water planning.

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