



Media Advisory

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(LAS VEGAS, New Mexico) – A public meeting to comment on **proposed guidelines** for water administration on the Rio Gallinas stream system will be held by the Office of the State Engineer on **Monday, April 26**, in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

State Engineer John D'Antonio will make a presentation about how effective water administration can maximize water supplies and prevent waste during continuing drought conditions. The new Rio Gallinas water master will also be present at the meeting.

The Rio Gallinas is one of four basins in New Mexico targeted by the State Engineer for **Active Water Resource Management** initiatives. Steps toward priority administration, the hiring of water masters, and options such as water banking and shortage sharing will be explained.

Acequia parciantes, Storrie Project water users, and City of Las Vegas municipal system water users are all invited to attend, as well as others with an interest in water issues.

WHEN:	Monday, April 26, 2004
TIME:	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Highlands University Ballroom 9 th Street and Baca Avenue
DIRECTIONS:	Take University off-ramp and take a left after first stop sign. Head west all the way across town, and make a right at 8 th Street. Go north and make a left at Baca Avenue. Go about a block, and the Student Center will be on the left. Highlands Ballroom is located in the Student Center.
CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:	Karin Stangl, Public Information Officer Office of the State Engineer, (505) 827-6139

Note: The proposed rules and regulations can be downloaded from the Office of the State Engineer's website at www.ose.state.nm.us

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