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State Engineer Announces Public Meeting to Unveil a New Water Rights Administration Model and Associated Guidelines

(ROSWELL, New Mexico) – New Mexico State Engineer John D'Antonio announced today that a **public meeting** will be held in Roswell to discuss a New Water Rights Administration Model and Associated Guidelines for the Roswell Basin on **Monday, December 20, 2004**.

The purpose of the Roswell Basin Guidelines is to provide Office of the State Engineer personnel with general procedures to follow for processing pending and future water rights applications filed within the Roswell Basin.

- WHAT: Public Workshop on New Water Rights Administration Model and Associated Guidelines for the Roswell Basin**
- WHEN: December 20, 2004**
- WHERE: Bureau of Land Management – Conference Room
2909 West Second Street
Roswell, NM**
- TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

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 Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission and oversees its staff.

The 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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