

Form Processing

After acceptance, data from the Change of Ownership form will be entered in the Office of the State Engineer database.

The original Change of Ownership form that has been accepted for filing with the Office of the State Engineer will be mailed to the new owner with instructions to file the form with the county clerk.

Please contact the appropriate district office to resolve any errors or problems with a Change of Ownership already on file with the Office of the State Engineer. For further information, please call the district office where your water right is located.

Acceptance of the Change of Ownership form for filing by the Office of the State Engineer does not constitute a valid right.



Change of Ownership of Water Right

Change of Ownership Procedure

Change of Ownership Form

The Change of Ownership of Water Right (individual and Corporation) forms are available on the Office of the State Engineer website at www.ose.state.nm.us “Water Information” “Water Rights Division” “Application/Forms.”

The forms can also be obtained by contacting any of the seven Office of the State Engineer district offices. Instructions for completing and filing the forms are contained on the forms.

District I - Albuquerque

(Bluewater, Estancia, Middle Rio Grande, Sandia, and Gallup underground water basins and basin surface rights)

5550 San Antonio Dr NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109-4027
(505) 383-4000

District II - Roswell

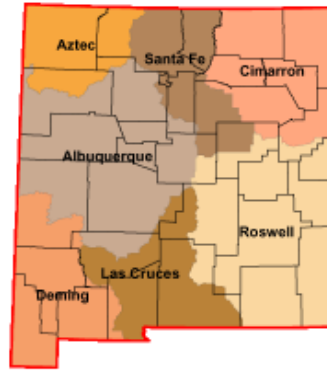
(Capitan, Carlsbad, Causey Lingo, Curry County, Fort Sumner, Hagerman Canal, Hondo, Jal, Lea County, Peñasco, Portales, and Roswell Artesian, underground water basins and basin surface rights)

1900 West Second Street
Roswell, NM 88201-1712
(575) 622-6521

District III - Deming

(Animas, Cloverdale, Gila-San Francisco, Hatchita, Lordsburg, Mimbres, Mount Riley, Nutt-Hockett, Playas, San Simon, Virden Valley and Yaqui underground water basins and basin surface rights)

301 South Tin
Deming, NM 88031
(575) 546-2851



District IV - Las Cruces

(Lower Rio Grande, Mount Riley, Tularosa, Hueco, Las Animas Creek, Hot Springs and Salt underground water basins and basin surface rights)
1680 Hickory Loop - Suite J
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6598
(575) 524-6161

District V - Aztec

(San Juan Underground Water Basin and San Juan Basin surface rights for San Juan, Animas, and La Plata Rivers)
100 Gossett Dr., Suite A
Aztec, NM 87410
(505) 334-4571

District VI - Santa Fe

(Northern Rio Grande and Upper Pecos underground water basins and basin surface rights)
407 Galisteo Street - Room 102
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102
(505) 827-6120

District VII - Cimarron

(Clayton, Tucumcari and Canadian River underground water)
301 East 9th Street
Cimarron, NM 87714
(575) 376-2918

The Standard Procedure

State law requires a new owner of a water right to file a separate **Change of Ownership** form with the Office of the State Engineer for each water right. The fee is \$5.00 for surface water, and \$2.00 for groundwater.

The duplicate form must have an original signature on each page and a notary seal.

The recorded warranty deed, or other form of conveyance, must accompany the form along with documentation showing the progression of a water right from the owner of record in the Office of the State Engineer files to the new owner, a map, and any other supporting information.

Office of the State Engineer staff are available to assist water right owners who wish to visit district offices to learn how to research water right information on file.