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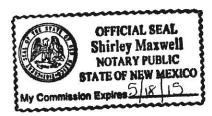
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF CHAVES FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel. STATE ENGINEER and PE-COS VALLEY ARTESIAN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, Plaintiffs,

L.T. LEWIS, et al. UNITED STATES AMERICA, Defendants,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rei.
STATE ENGINEER and PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, Plaintiffs,

HAGERMAN CANAL CO., et al., Defendants.

Nos. 20294 and 22600

#### Consolidated

Hon. James J. Wechsler Presiding Judge

Carlsbad Irrigation District Section, Membership Phase

CV-WH-03-01

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PARTIAL FINAL JUDG-MENT AND DECREE ON SURFACE WATER RIGHTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL RIGHTS IN THE MEMBERSHIP PHASE OF THE CARLSBAD IRRIGATION DISTRICT SECTION OF THE PECOS RIVER STREAM SYSTEM ADJUDICATION

THIS NOTICE IS DIRECT-ED TO all defendants who were adjudicated a who were adjudicated a surface water right or a right to groundwater as a supplemental supply to surface water rights (hereinafter "supplemental right") appurtenant to lands located within the boundaries of the Carisbad irrigation District ("CID"), and their successors in interest;

#### AND

All unknown heirs of any deceased person who, in

his or her lifetime, was adjudicated a surface water right or a supplemental right appurtenant to lands located within the boundaries of the CID:
Defendants who were adjudicated a surface water right or a supplemental right appurtenant to lands located within the lands located within the boundaries of the Carisbad irrigation Disboundaries of the Carisbad irrigation District ("CID"), and their successors in interest, are notified that a Proposed Partial Final Judgment and Decree on Surface Water Rights and Supplemental Rights in the Membership Phase of the Carisbad irrigation District Section of the Pecos, River Stream System Adjudication ("Proposed Decree") was filed with the State of New Mexico's Motion for Entry of Partial Final Judgment and Decree on Surface Water Rights and Supplemental Rights in the Membership Phase of the Carisbad Irrigation District Section of gation District Section of the Pecos River Stream System Adjudication, in

the Fifth Judicial District Court, on October 15, 2012. The complete text of the Proposed Decree i included at the end of this Notice.

INTESNOID URGERS the Members are the ben-

ficial owners of Project ater rights but that the

ature and extent of their beneficial interest is gov-erned by certain federal and state laws, the con-sent or other final orders

in all subfile proceedings, the rules and regulations of the CID, and any appli-cable contracts among the CID and its Members. Ithe Threshold Orders are

in the Threshold Orders are included in their entirety in Appendix E to the Proposed Decree. The Project Phase Decree and the Threshold Orders are binding on the Members of CID, their successors in intersect, and any other

interest, and any other persons claiming water rights in the CID. In addi-tion, (as directed by the Settlement Parties' Joint

Settlement Parties' Joint Deciaration of Settlement Implementation entered June 11, 2009), under the Project Phase Decree, no party to the Settlement shall present any claim or objection in the Member-

ship Phase or any Inter Se phase of the adjudication

that is inconsistent with the Project Phase Decree.

The Project Phase Decree determined two elements of the surface water rights of the Members: priority and amount of water. The remaining elements of the Members' surface water rights (including location and amount of irrigated acreage, purposes of use, and sources of water), and the Members' rights to groundwater as a supplemental supply to surface

groundwater as a supple-mental supply to surface water rights ("supple-mental rights") remained for determination in the so-called "Membership Phase" of the adjudication of the GID Section of the

In the Membership Phase,

In the Membership Phase, the State Joined the Members as defendants and adjudicated, by means of consent orders, default judgments, or other final orders (collectively "Subfile Orders"), each Member's individual water rights. The Subfile Orders are binding on the Members who were joined as defendants and their successors in interest.

The final stage of the CID Section will be the entry of a Partial Final Decree

or a Partial Final Decree, which will be binding on all CID water right owners and their successors in interest, whether or not they participated in the Inter Se process.

INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU ISH TO PARTICIPATE IN INTER SE PROCEEDINGS

If you own water rights in the CID, this is your only opportunity to exer-cise your right to file cer-tain objections to the

Proposed Decree and to offer evidence to the Court in support of those

The Project Phase Decree

has determined a number

objections.

est.

The filing of the Proposed Decree initiated an Inter Se Proceeding in which Defendants are offered the opportunity to object to any orders adjudicating the water rights of other Defendants to beneficially use surface water and supplemental rights appurtenant to lands located within the boundaries of the CID.

This Inter Se Proceeding is the only opportunity for Defendants who were adjudicated surface wa-ter rights and supple-mental rights in the CID and their successors in interest to object to the determination of the surface water rights and supplemental rights of other Defendants and their successors in interest that are described in Appendix D to the Pro-posed Decree (which can be found at the website and locations listed be-low).

After resolving any objections, the Court will enter a Partial Final Judgment and Decree on Surface
Water Rights and Supplemental Rights in the
Membership Phase of the
Carlsbad Irrigation District Section of the Pecos River Stream System Ad-judication that binds all Defendants and their suc-cessors in interest to the final adjudication of all surface water rights and supplemental rights with-in the boundaries of the

## HISTORY OF THE

PROCEEDINGS
This cause of action is part of the general adjudication of all rights to divert, impound, store, and beneficially use the public surface and underground waters of the Pecos River Stream System that was initiated in April 9, 1956, and entitled State v. Lewis.

On December 10, 2004 on December 10, 2004, the Court entered a Parti-al Final Decree ("Project Phase Decree") adjudicat-ing between and among the United States, the State of New Mexico ("State"), the Carlsbad Ir-rigation District (the ("State"), the Carlsbad Irrigation District (the "CID"), the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District (the "PVACD"), and all persons claiming water rights in the CID: (a) the maximum allowable annual diversion and storage rights of the CID and the United States regarding certain waters of garding certain waters of the Pecos River Stream System and (b) the right of the CID to deliver sur-face water to its Mem-bers. (For ease of refer-ence, the term "Members. (For ease of rereence, the term "Members" refers to the Members of GID who were
joined to the CID adjudication as defendants as
well as their successors in
interest.) Attached to the
Project Phase Decree as
an exhibit is a Settlement
Agreement "C'settlean exhibit is a Settlement Agreement ("Settlement") executed on March 25, 2003 among the State, the CID, the United States, and the PVACD. The Settlement Agreement is a part of and incorporated into the Project Phase Decree.

Prior to entry of the Project Phase Decree, the

of issues to which no one may object and which are binding on all owners of surface water and supplemental rights in the CID.

For surface water rights in the CiD Section, objections can only be made to the location and amount of irrigated acreage. Objections cannot be made to determinations of purto determinations of purposes of use; sources of water; priority dates; irrigation water requirements; project diversion requirement and storage rights of the United States; delivery rights of the CID; and the diversion, delivery, and apportionment of CID water among CID Members.

supplemental rights, objections can only be made to the points of di-version, priority dates, and location and amount of irrigated acreage. Obections cannot be made to the purpose of use and amount of water.

You cannot object to your own adjudicated water

opies of the Proposed Copies of the Proposed Decree and Appendices, and hydrographic survey maps showing the location of all tracts described in the Decree, shall be made available for public inspection at the offices of the CID in Carlsbad at the following address:

Carlsbad irrigation

District
5117 Grandi Road
Carlsbard NM 88220

Carlsbad, NM 88220

Copies shall be made available for public inspection at the Office of the State Engineer's ("OSE") Offices at the following addresses:

Office of the State Engineer District li
1900 West Second Street Roswell, NM 88201-1712

Office of the State Engineer Litigation and Adjudication Program 130 South Capitol Place Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

The Proposed Decree also available on the OSE website at: http://www.ose.state.nm. us/LAP/CID/decree.html.

Copies shall be made available for public inspection at the Fifth Judicial District Court in the Eddy County Court House in Carisbad and the Chaves County Court House in Roswell at the following addresses: following addresses: Fifth Judicial District

Court Eddy County Courthouse 102 North Canal #240 Carisbad, NM 88220

Fifth Judicial District Court Chaves County Court-house 400 N. Virginia Street Roswell, NM 88202

All Defendants and their successors in interest may file objections to the may file objections to the water rights of other individuals, as described in Appendix D of the Proposed Decree, which can be viewed at the OSE website or one of the locations listed above.

If you choose not to exercise this sole opportunity to object to the water rights of other individuals, rights of other individuals, you do not need to take any further action. After any objections to the Proposed Decree are resolved by the Court, you will be bound by the provisions of the Proposed HOW TO FILE AIR OBJECTION If you wish to object, you or your attorney must file an objection with the Fifth Judicial District Court of New Mexico.

Objections must be filed Objections must be filed on the form entitled inter Se Objection to Water Rights Used Within the CID ("Inter Se Objection"). This form may be Obtained from the OSE Website or one of the locations listed above.

The Inter Se Objection must identify the case and subfile numbers of the person making the objection, the case and subfile numbers of the water rights objected to, and the adjudicated own-er of that water right. water rights objected to, and the adjudicated owner of that water right. You can locate your case and subfile numbers and those of other CID Members by consulting the Indices in Appendix H which can be viewed on the OSE website or one of the locations listed above. The first of these Indices is organized alphabetically by owner name. More detailed information about each Defendant's water rights can be found in Appendix D of the Proposed Decree which is also available on the OSE website or one of the locations listed above. The person making the objection must provide a brief explanation of the reason for the objection and sign the Inter Se Objection form.

Inter Se Objections must be filed in person or by mail and must be re-ceived by the Court no later than November 19, 2012, at the following ad-

Fifth Judicial District Court Chaves County Courthouse 400 N. Virginia Street P.O. Box 1776 Roswell, NM 88202

At the same time, a copy of the inter Se Objection must be served in person or by mail, on:

Gary Storm Office of the State Litigation and Adjudica-tion Program

130 South Capitol Place
P.O. Box 25102 Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

PARTICIPATION IN SUBFILES IN WHICH OB-JECTIONS ARE FILED

On or before December 19, 2012, the State of New Mexico will:

Mexico Will:

(a) serve a copy by certified mail of the applicable inter Se Objection on each Defendant whose subfile is the subject of an objection of the subject of an objection of the subject of the

tion; and (b) file a Report with the Court identifying each Subfile in which an Inter Se Objection is filed and make copies of the report available for Inspection at the locations and website described above.

Defendants subflies are the subject of an objection and all per-sons who filed an inter Se objection in that subfile must participate in the court proceedings to resolve the objection.

Defendants may (but are not requested in participate in esolution of Inter Se esolution of Inter Se esolution of Inter Se esolution of Inter Se Objection provided they file a Notice of Intent to Participate with the Court by January 18, 2013. Notice of Intent to Participate forms will be available at the OSE website or one of the locations listed above. the locations listed above.

Defendants will only be notified by certified mall if an Inter Se Objection is filed in their own subfile. Defendants can deter-mine whether an Inter Se Objection has been filed in another subfile only by examining the Report filed by the State at the OSE website or one of the locations listed above.

MANDATORY SCHEDUL-ING CONFERENCE The Court will conduct a

scheduling and pretrial conference in the Fifth Ju-dicial District Court in Carisbad for the purpose dicial District Court in Carisbad for the purpose of establishing the procedure to be used for resolving Inter Se Objections. Each Defendant who timely files an Inter Se Objection and each Defendant whose subfile is the subject of an objection and each person who files a Notice of Intent to Participate, MUST attend the scheduling conference. Those who, without good cause, fall to attend shall be barred from participating in Inter Se Proceedings. The Court shall serve notice of the scheduling conference on all persons whose attendance is required by first class mall approximately 30 days prior to the conference. ference.

All persons having water rights in the CID and their successors in interest will be bound by the outcome of the proceedings to resolve *Inter Se* Objections.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFOR-

For additional information For additional information regarding this Notice or the Proposed Decree, you may call or write any of the following persons:
Gary B. Storm,
Cynthia Sully
Special Assistant
Attorneys General
Office of the State
Findinger

Engineer P.O. Box 25102 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-5102 505-827-6150; 505-827-3887 (fax)

Carlsbad Irrigation District
5117 Grandi Road
Carlsbad, NM 88220
575-236-6390
FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED DECREE:

TATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF CHAVES FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rei.
STATE ENGINEER and PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT,
Plaintiffs,

L.T. LEWIS, et al. and UNITED STATE OF AMERI-CA, Defendants,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel. STATE ENGINEER and PE-COS VALLEY ARTESIAN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, Plaintiffs.

HAGERMAN CANAL CO., et ai., Defendants

Nos. 20294 and 22600 Consolidated

Hon. James J. Wechsler Presiding Judge

Carlsbad Irrigation Dis-trict Section, Membership

CV-WH-03-01

PROPOSED PARTIAL FINAL JUDGMENT AND DECREE ON SURFACE WATER RIGHTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL RIGHTS IN THE MEMBERSHIP PHASE OF THE CARLSBAD IRRIGATION DISTRICT SECTION OF THE PECOS RIVER STREAM SYSTEM ADJUDICATION

THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon the Motion of the State of New Mexico, ex rel. State Engineer, (the "State") for entry of a Partial Final Judgment and Decree on Surface Water Rights and Supplemental Rights In the Membership Phase of the Carisbad irrigation District Section of the Peros River Stream System District Section of the Pe-cos River Stream System Adjudication (the "Partial Final Decree") filed on Oc-tober 15, 2012. The Court, having considered the Motion and orders previously filed or entered, and being fully advised in the premises, FINDS:

A. The Court has jurisdic-tion over the subject mat-

tion over the subject mat-ter and parties.

B. This case is a general adjudication of all rights to divert, impound, store, and beneficially use the public surface and under-ground waters of the Peground waters of the Pecos River Stream System. C. This Decree is entered in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 72-4-19 (1907), for all surface water rights and rights to groundwater as a supplemental supply to surface water rights (hereinafter "supplemental rights") appurtenant to lands located within the boundaries of the Carlsbad Irrigaries of the Carlsbad Irrigaries of the Carlsbad Irrigaries of the Carlsbad Irrigaries of the Carlsbad Irrigaria ries of the Carlsbad Irriga-tion District (the "CID"). D. This Decree does not determine, affect, or adju-dicate any other claims to dicate any other claims to the right to use groundwater within the boundaries of the CID. Those claims will be adjudicated in separate proceedings in the Carisbad Underground Water Basin Section of this adjudication. E on December 10, 2004, the Court entered a Partial Final Decree ("Project Phase Decree") addudicated to the project of the project of

al Final Decree ("Project Phase Decree") adjudicating between and among the United States, the State, the CID, the Pecovaley Artesian Conservancy District (the "PVACD"), and all persons claiming water rights in the CID: (a) the maximum allowable annual diversion and storage rights. version and storage rights of the CID and the United States regarding certain waters of the Pecos River Stream System and (b) the right of the CID to deliver surface water to its Members. (For ease of Members. (For ease of reference he term "Members of CID who were joined to the CID adjudication as defendants as well as their successors in interest.) Attached to the Project Phase Decree as an exhibit is a Settlement Agreement Decree as an exhibit is a Settlement Agreement ("Settlement") executed on March 25, 2003, among the State, the CID, the United States, and the PVACD. The Settlement Agreement is a part of and incorporated into the Project Phase Decree. Prior to entry of the Project Phase Decree, the Court had determined in a series of orders (the series of orders (the 'Threshold Orders") that "Threshold Orders") that the Members are the beneficial owners of Project water rights but that the nature and extent of their beneficial interest is governed by certain federal and state laws, the consent or other final orders in all subfile proceedings, the rules and regulations of the CID, and any applicable contracts among the CID and Its Members. The Threshold Orders are included in their entirety in Appendix E to this Decree. The Project Phase Decree and the Threshold Decree and the Threshold pecree and the Threshold Orders are binding on the Members of CID, their successors in interest, and any other persons claiming water rights in the CID. F. The Project Phase Decree determined two ele-

cree determined two ele-ments of the surface wa-ter rights of the Mem-bers: priority and amount of water. The remaining elements of the Mem-bers' surface water rights (including location and amount of irrigated acreage, purposes of use, and sources of water), and the Members' supplemental rights remained for deter-mination in the so-called mination in the so-called "Membership Phase" of the adjudication of the CID Section of the Pecos River. In the Membership Phase, the State Joined the Members as defendants and adjudicated, by means of consent orders, default judgments on others. means of consent orders, default Judgments, or other final orders (collectively "Subfile Orders"), each Member's Individual water rights. The Court has entered Subfile Orders in all subfile proceedings in the CID Section and the Membership Phase of the CID Section adjudication is complete.

G. The Project Phase De-

is complete.
G. The Project Phase Decree and the Threshold Orders are binding on the Members of CID, their successors in interest, and any other persons claiming water rights in the CID. In addition, (as directed by the Settlement Parties' Joint Declaration of Settlement Implementation entered plementation entered June 11, 2009), under the Project Phase Decree, no party to the Settlement shall present any claim or objection in the Membership Phase or any Inter Se phase of the adjudication that is inconsistent with the Project Phase Decree. the Project Phase Decree. Each filed individual Subfile Order is binding between the Defendant and any successor in interest ("Defendant") and the State, and is binding among all Members and their successors in interest upon the entry of this Decree. M. Under the Order Establishing Procedures for Conducting Inter Se Proceedings and Adjudicating Omitted Supplemental Rights in the Membership Phase of the CID Section of the Pecos River Stream System Adjudication entered on September 25, 2012, the State, on October 15, 2012, commenced Inter Se Proceedings by filing a Motion for Entry of Partial Final Judgment and Decree on Surface Water Rights and Supplemental Rights in the Membership Phase of the Carlsbad Irrigation District Section of the Pecos River Stream System Adjudication (the "Motion for Decree"). In the Motion for Decree"). In the Motion for Decree"). In the Motion for Decree adjudicating all surface water rights and all surface water rights an cree adjudicating all sur-face water rights and all supplemental rights assoclated with those surface rights.

I. The Motion for Decree initiated the *Inter Se* Proceedings in which all Defendants were provided with an opportunity to file *Inter Se* Objections to certain tain aspects of the Subfile tain aspects of the Subfile Orders. Specifically, those persons were per-mitted to file Inter Se Ob-lections to: (a) those ele-ments of other Defend-ants' surface water rights ants' surface water rights that were not determined by the Project Phase Decree and (b) to all elements of other Defendants' supplemental rights. Inter Se Objections challenging the Project Phase Decree were not permitted ted.

J. Additionally, the State Informed the Court that, as it was preparing to ini-tiate an Inter Se Proceedtiate an Inter Se Proceeding, it discovered that the Subfile Orders of some Defendants did not adjudicate a supplemental right even though those Defendants may in fact have been entitled to such a right. The Inter Se Proceedings included a process that allowed Defendants who may own a subfile that had not alrendants who may own a subfile that had not al-ready been adjudicated a supplemental right, an op-portunity to assert a claim to a supplemental

K. The Court held hear-ings that resolved all Inter

ings that resolved all Inter Se Objections and all supplemental right claims.

L. Throughout the course of these proceedings, all Defendants were provided with legally sufficient notice of all proceedings to adjudicate their water right claims and legally sufficient notice of all Inter Se Proceedings.

ter Se Proceedings.

M. The CID Section Inter
Se Proceeding is complete and all claims to the plete and all claims to the surface water rights and supplemental rights in the CID Section have been de-termined and adjudicated by the Court. The Appen-dices to this Decree, and the Addendum to those Appendices, summarize both: (a) the elements of the surface water rights. both: (a) the elements of the surface water rights that were adjudicated by the Project Phase Decree and (b) the elements of the surface water rights and supplemental rights that were adjudicated by the Subfile Orders, as those rights may have been modified by any orders amending or correcting Subfile Orders, as well as any final orders entered during Inter Se Proceedings. N. Beneficial use is the basis, the measure, and the limit of all water rights determined in this Decree. This Decree is a final adjudication of all surface water rights and supplemental rights beneficially used on lands located within the CID and is binding between and among the State and all Defendants and their successors in interest.

O. The right to object to

cessors in Interest.

O. The right to object to this Decree by parties to other sections of the Pecos River Stream System adjudication is expressly reserved until this Court orders further Inter Se Proceedings for those specific sections or for the Pecos River Stream System generally.

P. The water rights adjudicated herein may in the future be subject to general Inter Se Proceedings that involve all adjudicated water rights of the Pecos River Stream System and its tributaries.

IT IS THEREFORE OR-DERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

L All rights to the use of surface water and all rights to groundwater as a suppiemental supply to surface water rights ap-purtenant to lands locat purtenant to lands located within the boundaries of the CID, as set forth in previously filed orders and summarized in the Appendices and Addendum to the Appendices attached hereto, are finally adjudicated by this Decree. The Subfile Orders or other Court orders that determine those waterights are expressly approved and confirmed as valid as of the date of the entry of the individual Subfile Order or other Court order.

Subfile Order or other Court order.

2. The Appendices and Addendum to the Appendices are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. In the event there is a discrepancy between a description of water rights set forth in the Appendices and Addendum to the Appendices and the specific Subfile Order or other Court order that determines that right, the specific order is controlling.

3. The Defendants whose water rights are

3. The Defendants whose water rights are adjudicated herein, and their successors in interest, are hereby enjoined from diverting, impounding, storing, or using the public surface and underground waters of the Pecos River Stream System except in strict accordance with this Description. accordance with this Decree and such other or-ders of the Court that may be entered in this

ray be entered in this cause.

4. There is no just reason for delay and the Court hereby expressly directs entry of this Decree as a final judgment as authorized by Rule 1-054(8) NMRA.

NMRA.

5. Jurisdiction is retained to determine and adjudicate Inter Se Proceedings between any or all of the Defendants in the CID Section and any or all defendants in other sections of the Pecos River Stream System. System. IT IS SO ORDERED.

HON. JAMES J. WECHSLER Presiding Judge

Respectfully By: Submitted

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Approved By:

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