

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*  
State Engineer

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROMAN ARAGON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

69cv07941-BB

RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM

Section 3, Rio Nutrias

**NOTICE AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

To: United States of America  
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United States Department of Justice  
Environmental and Natural Resources Section  
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**Priority Dates:**

You are hereby notified that the Court has entered an order requiring you to file an objection with the Court if you disagree with the State's proposed determination of the priority dates for any of the community or private ditches in the Rio Nutrias Subsection of Section 3 ("Nutrias Subsection"), including the priority date of any individual irrigation water rights under those ditches, as described below:

DITCH	PRIORITY DATE
La Acequia Del Terrero	1888
La Acequia Del Gilberto	1888
Tafoya/Esquibel	1885

Esquibel/Valdez	1890
Vega	1878
Ben Valdez	1878
Joe B. Valdez	1895
Espiriano Velasquez	1899
Acequia Perfecto Esquibel	1875
Acequia Pedro Esquibel	1893
Esquibel	1885
Unnamed Ditch No. 2	1885
Unnamed Ditch No. 3	1885
Abeyta	1877
Epifanio Ulibarri	1878
Maes/Sanchez	1882
Luis Sanchez	1882
Martinez/Ulibarri	1882
Salomon Ulibarri	1882
Juan Ulibarri	1882
Emilio Samora	1868
Juan Pablo Samora	1904

These priority dates described above will apply to all individual irrigation water rights served by the ditches listed, unless you or other parties file objections.

**Irrigation Water Requirements:**

In addition, you are hereby notified that the Court has entered an order requiring you to file an objection with the Court if you disagree with the State’s proposed determination of the irrigation water requirements for surface water irrigation use in the Nutrias Subsection as described below:

- a. The weighted consumptive irrigation requirement (CIR) is 1.13 acre-feet per acre per annum.
- b. The farm delivery requirement (FDR) is 2.83 acre-feet per acre per annum.
- c. The project diversion requirement (PDR) is 4.71 acre-feet per acre per annum.

The term “Consumptive Irrigation Requirement” (“CIR”) refers to the quantity of water, expressed in acre-feet per acre per year, exclusive of effective precipitation, that is consumptively used by plants

or is evaporated from the soil surface during one calendar year. The term “Farm Delivery Requirement” (“FDR”) refers to the quantity of water expressed in acre-feet per acre per year, exclusive of effective precipitation, delivered to the farm headgate or which is diverted from a source of water which originates on the farm itself, such as a well or spring, necessary to satisfy the consumptive irrigation requirements of crops grown on a farm in one calendar year. The “Project Diversion Requirement” (“PDR”) or off-farm diversion requirement is defined as the quantity of water, exclusive of effective precipitation, which is diverted from the stream or an off-farm source to satisfy the farm delivery requirement for one calendar year. The irrigation water requirements set forth above do not include diversion requirements associated with stockponds or other impoundments determined to have valid water rights in these proceedings.

If you agree with the priority dates and irrigation water requirements described above, you do not need to take any action. If any objections are filed by any persons, you will be notified of the objections and may participate in the proceedings to resolve those objections. If no objections are filed, the Court will enter an order that recognizes the elements of the water rights for surface water irrigation use in the Nutrias Subsection as described above. If you disagree, you must follow the instructions below.

In the absence of any objections, you will have no other opportunity in these proceedings to object to the determination of priority dates or irrigation water requirements in the Nutrias Subsection, and subsequent *inter se* proceedings in the Nutrias Subsection will not include the opportunity to object to those determinations.

Notwithstanding the above, the United States shall have no obligation to raise an objection to the determination of priority dates and irrigation water requirements described above in its capacity

as trustee for the benefit of Ohkay Owingeh (Pueblo of San Juan) or any other Indian nation. Any such objection may be raised during stream system wide *inter se* proceedings or other applicable *inter se* proceedings as may be ordered by the Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT if you object to any of the priority dates stated above, or to the irrigation water requirements for surface water irrigation use in the Nutrias Subsection as stated above, you must file a written objection with the Court. You must file your objection, if any, with the Federal District Court by **July 31, 2010**. If you timely file an objection the Special Master will notify you of a mandatory scheduling and pretrial conference, where you will learn how objections will be heard by the Court.



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BRUCE D. BLACK  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Approved:

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VICKIE L. GABIN  
SPECIAL MASTER