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## MEMORANDUM

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To: Those who submitted written comments to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission on the December 5, 2003, Draft San Juan River Basin in New Mexico Navajo Nation Water Rights Settlement

From: John Whipple, Staff Engineer, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission

Thank you for the written comments that you submitted on the subject water rights settlement. Staff of the Interstate Stream Commission, the Office of the State Engineer and the Navajo Nation continued settlement discussions since December, and have negotiated a revised draft settlement which they have submitted to decision-makers of the State of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation for their consideration for approval. The revised draft settlement documents, dated July 9, 2004, are available for inspection at the Office of the State Engineer website ([www.ose.state.nm.us](http://www.ose.state.nm.us)).

The Navajo Nation will consider the revised draft settlement during the upcoming month through its review and approval processes. It is anticipated that the Interstate Stream Commission will consider approval of the revised draft settlement at a public meeting of the Commission to be held in Farmington in August on a date to be determined and announced. The settlement documents may be revised further during the review and approval process.

In addition to the July 9 revised draft settlement documents, responses to the public comments that were received on the December 5 draft settlement were prepared by the Interstate Stream Commission staff and are posted at the Office of the State Engineer website. The responses describe how comments were considered or addressed. You may contact me at 505-827-6172 to discuss provisions of the revised draft settlement or the responses to public comments if you have any questions or desire further explanations.

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