

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF CHAVES
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Nos. 20294 and 22600
Consolidated

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*)
STATE ENGINEER)
and PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN)
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT,)

Hon. James J. Wechsler
Judge Pro Tempore

Plaintiffs,

Pecos River Stream System
Cow Creek Section

v.)

L.T. LEWIS, *et al.*, and)
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

17-504-WS - 19000001
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Defendants.)

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO'S REPLY TO
COW CREEK BASIN ACEQUIA ASSOCIATION'S RESPONSE TO
STATE'S MOTION FOR SECOND AMENDED PROCEDURAL ORDER**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO *ex rel.* State Engineer ("State"), in reply to the Cow Creek Basin Acequia Association's ("CCBAA") Response to State's Motion for Second Amended Procedural Order ("CCBAA Response") states:

1. The State agrees with the CCBAA's position that further notice of the opportunity to assert any claims to water rights not identified in the hydrographic survey is appropriate.
2. Though not stated in the Proposed Second Amended Procedural Order, the State intends to conduct substantial public outreach with regard to the commencement of the subfile adjudication of individual water rights. The method of outreach will include public meetings and a mailing to every property owner in the Cow Creek basin. The purpose of such public outreach will be to inform all potential claimants of the issues and procedures that will comprise the Cow Creek section of this adjudication, and to remind all potential claimants of their responsibility to subscribe to the Court's monthly report of adjudication activity.

3. The timing and procedure for asserting claims to water rights not identified in the hydrographic survey is one of the issues that the State intends to emphasize in its public outreach.

WHEREFORE, The State respectfully requests the Court to enter the Proposed Second Amended Procedural Order Governing the Adjudication of Water Rights in the Cow Creek Section.

Respectfully Submitted,



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I certify that on this 3^d day of August, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Reply to Cow Creek Basin Acequia Assn's Response to State's Motion** was sent to the following persons by electronic transmission:

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