

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF CHAVES
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

vs.

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

and

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

vs.

HAGERMAN CANAL CO., *et al.*,
Defendants.

Nos. 20294 and 22600
Consolidated

Hon. James J. Wechsler
Judge *Pro Tempore*

Pecos River Stream System
Cow Creek Section

Case No. D504-WS-19000001

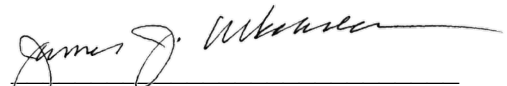
**ORDER ON STATE'S *EX PARTE* MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO CLAIM WATER RIGHTS AND
SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the State of New Mexico's *ex parte* Motion for Approval of Notice of Deadline to Claim Water Rights and Service of Process by Publication ("State's Motion"). The Court, having reviewed the pleadings and being otherwise fully advised, concludes that the Motion is well taken and should be GRANTED.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that (1) the Clerk of the Court is directed to issue the Notice of Deadline to Claim Water Rights ("Notice") attached to the State's Motion; (2) the State is authorized to accomplish service of process on unknown water rights claimants by mailing the Notice to all property owners of record in the Cow Creek basin, by distributing the Notice in the Court's Monthly Adjudication Report, and by publishing the Notice in

1. The Las Vegas Daily Optic newspaper, published in the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, a newspaper of general circulation in San Miguel County; and
2. The Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper, published in Santa Fe, New Mexico, a newspaper of general circulation in Santa Fe County,

once a week for three consecutive weeks as required by Rule 1-004(K) NMRA; and (3) the State is directed to file proof of such publication with the Court.



Hon. James J. Weschler
Judge *Pro Tempore*

Respectfully submitted,

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