

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*

Pecos River Stream System  
Cow Creek Section

Plaintiffs,

v.

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

Case No. D-504-WS-19000001

Defendants

**CLAIM TO SURFACE WATER RIGHT**

The claimant(s) listed below submit(s) this Claim to Surface Water Right for a water right that was not depicted or described in the 2015 Cow Creek Watershed Hydrographic Survey.

**I. Claimant(s) name(s) and contact information:**

Claimant 1

Cipriano Varela Jr  
First and last name

11726 Airspeed Dr.  
Mailing address

Comroe, TX 77303  
Mailing address continued

SFS025@hotmail.com  
Email address

505-674-4548  
Phone number

Claimant 2

Meria A Carrillo  
First and last name

1705 Gomez  
Mailing address

Carlsbad, NM 88220  
Mailing address continued

maricar197329@gmail.com  
Email address

(254) 458-3192  
Phone number

2. Priority date: For the Vecinos Acequia, the priority date is 1799.
3. Source of water: Acequia de Los Vecinos de Los Vallecitos West. Surface waters of Cow Creek.
4. Amount of water: 1.5 Acre Feet per acre per annum at the Farm headgate.
5. Purpose of use: Irrigation.
6. Period of use: Annual / Year Round
7. Place of use (including 2015 Cow Creek Watershed Hydrographic Survey map sheet(s) where claimed water right is located): Cow Creek hydrographic Survey. Map Sheet 6. Specifically, Surrounding Subfiles 9.023 9.02A as indicated in attached survey.
8. Place or point of diversion (ditch): Headgate of the Acequia de Los Vecinos de Los Vallecitos West.
9. Number of irrigated acres (if purpose of use is irrigation): 64 Acres

Attach a copy of the deed or other proof of ownership of the land where the water is being used.

[Signature]  
 Claimant 1 signature  
[Signature]  
 Claimant 2 signature

4/10/2025  
 Date  
4-10-2025  
 Date

# WARRANTY DEED (Joint Tenant)

Cipriano T. Varela Jr. as personal representative of Cipriano T. Varela Sr. for paid consideration paid, grant to Cipriano T. Varela Jr. whose address is 66 Sunset Canyon Lane Santa Fe, NM 87508 and Maria A. Carrillo as joint tenants for the following described real estate in San Miguel County, New Mexico:

Six of Six (6/6) parts to Estate Heirs of Guillermo Varela Sr. 1. One-sixth (1/6) interest bought from Guillermo Varela Jr. Deed #001288. 2. One-sixth (1/6) interest bought from Frank F. Varela Deed #001289. 3. One-sixth (1/6) interest bought from Elias A. Varela Deed #005646. 4. One-sixth (1/6) interest bought from Nemesia B. Varela Deed # 0006551. 5. One-sixth (1/6) interest bought from Imelda Varela Vigil Deed #4011.6. One-sixth (1/6) interest inherited by Cipriano T. Varela Sr. heir of Guillermo Varela Sr. Totaling six-sixths (6/6) ownership by Cipriano T. Varela Sr.

None of the said real estate can be sold to other parties other than Cipriano T. Varela Jr. to Maria A. Carrillo or Maria A. Carrillo to ~~Cipriano T. Varela Jr.~~ The real estate must stay in the Family.

This real estate located in-between section 1 Township 16 North, Range 12 East and Section 6. Township 16 North, Range 13 East on north line of this tract. And Lot 1 SE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 12 East, N.M.P.M. About 237 acres more or less.

Witness my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2011.

C. Varela Jr. (Seal)

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR NATURAL PERSONS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )

) ss.

COUNTY OF San Miguel

This instrument was acknowledged before me on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

by Cipriano Varela Jr.

My commission expires:

(Seal)

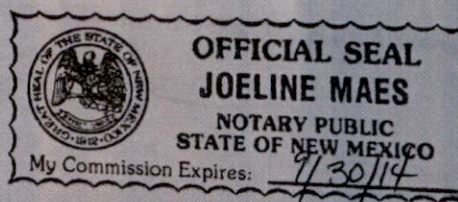
Joeline Maes  
Notary Public

COUNTY OF SAN MIGUEL )  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss

WARRANTY DEED  
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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 21ST Day Of October, 2011 at 10:45:29 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument #201103958 Of The Records Of San Miguel

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Deputy Melanie Y. Rivera County Clerk, San Miguel, NM



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**NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO CLAIM WATER RIGHTS**

**FROM: Clerk of the New Mexico District Court for the Fifth Judicial District, Chaves County**

**This Notice is directed to all unknown persons who may claim any right to the use of the waters of Cow Creek and its tributaries.**

**THIS NOTICE IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE OF THE PENDENCY OF THIS ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS.**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is pending in the New Mexico Fifth Judicial District Court an action to adjudicate all claims to rights to use of the waters of the Cow Creek Section of the Pecos River Stream System. As the owner(s) of land located in the Cow Creek basin, you are required to appear before the Court and describe the rights, if any, that you claim to the use of the surface waters of Cow Creek.

**Unless you file a Claim with the Clerk of the Court and serve a copy on the Office of the State Engineer by JULY 4, 2025, any right you may have to use the surface waters of Cow Creek may be adjudicated by default judgment.**

The Plaintiff in this action is the State of New Mexico *ex rel.* State Engineer [State]. A copy of the Amended Complaint filed in this action on May 30, 1978, may be obtained from the Fifth Judicial District Court, Chaves County Court House, P.O. Box 1776, Roswell, NM 88202-1776, under the caption State of New Mexico *ex rel.* Reynolds v. L.T. Lewis, et al., Nos. 20294 and 22600 Consolidated.

The 2015 Cow Creek Hydrographic Survey published September 11, 2015, may be viewed at:  
(1) the Office of the State Engineer, 130 S. Capitol, Santa Fe, NM 87504; or (2) OSE website at  
<https://www.ose.nm.gov/HydroSurvey/index.php>.

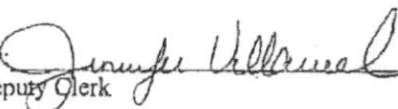
The Cow Creek Section adjudication is controlled by the Second Amended Procedural Order, issued January 9, 2023, which requires the State to make each water right claimant a party to the adjudication suit. For claims not identified or described in the 2015 Hydrographic Survey, the procedural order directs the State to serve notice on all unknown claimants of the procedure and deadline for submitting their claim of a water right. The form for submitting such claims is attached to this Notice. All claims must be submitted by completing the attached form, filing it with the Court, and serving a copy on the Office of the State Engineer. **The deadline for submitting such claims is JULY 4, 2025.**

The plaintiff's attorneys are:

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Paul Bossert  
Special Assistant Attorneys General  
Office of the State Engineer  
P.O. Box 25102  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-5102  
(505) 827-6150

WITNESS the hand and seal of the Fifth Judicial District Court for the Counties of Chaves, Eddy and Lea, State of New Mexico.

STACY L. MORA, CLERK  
Fifth Judicial District Court

By:   
Deputy Clerk

