

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF CHAVES
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Nos. 20294 and 22600
Consolidated

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*)
STATE ENGINEER)
and PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN)
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT,)
)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
)
L.T. LEWIS, *et al.*, and)
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
Defendants.)
_____)

Hon. James J. Wechsler
Judge Pro Tempore

Pecos River Stream System
Cow Creek Section

Case No. D-504-WS-1900001

STATE'S MONTHLY ADJUDICATION REPORT

The State of New Mexico *ex rel.* State Engineer reports the following adjudication statistics, pursuant to Section A(4) of the January 9, 2023 Second Amended Procedural Order, for the month of May 2025. During the month of March 2025, the Office of the State Engineer published notice to unknown claimants in the Cow Creek Section in the Las Vegas Optic and the Santa Fe New Mexican pursuant to the attached notice. Persons who are claiming water rights that were not included in the published hydrographic survey for this section are asked to notify the Office of the State Engineer to recognize their claims.

1. Defendants for whom service was been completed:

N/A

2. Defendants who provided the State with a signed proposed subfile final judgment:

Darrell Gooch and Katrina Gooch, subfile PRCC-9.07;

Richard H. Valencia, subfile PRCC-9.10;

Faron D. Valencia, subfile PRCC-9.09;

Candice Sue DePauw, subfile PRCC-9.06;

3. Defendants who requested consultation with the State:

N/A

4. Defendants whose consultation was terminated by the State:

N/A

5. Defendants subject to default for failure to respond in accordance with this Order:

Carl Martinez, subfile PRCC-25.10;

Aron Gonzales, subfiles PRCC-32.12, -33.14;

Dolores Padilla, subfile PRCC-33.02;

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of June, 2025.



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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.**

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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.

1. Claimant(s) name(s) and contact information:

Claimant 1

Claimant 2

First and last name

First and last name

Mailing address

Mailing address

Mailing address continued

Mailing address continued

Email address

Email address

Phone number

Phone number

2. Priority date : _____
3. Source of water: _____
4. Amount of water: _____
5. Purpose of use: _____
6. Period of use: _____
7. Place of use (including 2015 Cow Creek Watershed Hydrographic Survey map sheet(s) where claimed water right is located): _____

8. Place or point of diversion (ditch): _____
9. Number of irrigated acres (if purpose of use is irrigation): _____

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

Claimant 1 signature

Date

Claimant 2 signature

Date

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the State's Monthly Adjudication Report filed on 06/18/2025 and this Certificate of Service was sent by e-mail or mail on this 18th Day of June, 2025 to the following:

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