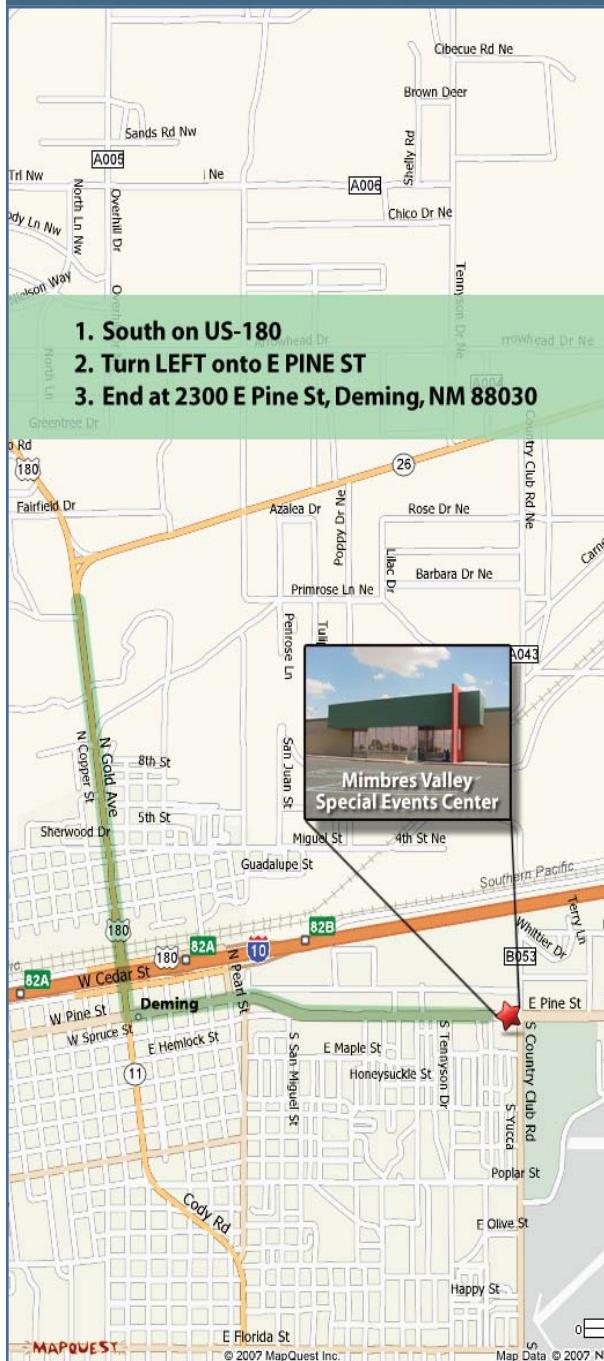


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Make Your Voice Heard

The purpose of this workshop is to initiate an informed, inclusive and transparent planning process supporting the 2004 Arizona Water Settlements Act. Specific workshop goals include:

1. Provide objective information on the basic science and legal issues surrounding the Arizona Water Settlements Act and water use in southwestern New Mexico;
2. Structure the Arizona Water Settlements Act planning process for southwestern New Mexico; and
3. Establish consensus on the key questions to be addressed by the planning process.

Consensus achieved in the workshop will be communicated to local, state and federal decision makers. A unified voice from the basin is essential for securing funding needed to proceed with necessary science and planning programs for the basin.

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9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Southwestern New Mexico Water Planning Workshop

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[Map of Gila/San Francisco River Basin]

Background

In 2004 the Arizona Water Settlements Act was signed into law, which provides New Mexico consumptive use of an annual average in any 10 consecutive years of 14,000 acre-feet in exchange for mainstream Colorado River Water. In addition, the State of New Mexico will receive \$66M for "paying costs of the New Mexico Unit or other water utilization alternatives to meet water supply demands in the Southwest Water Planning Region of New Mexico". Funds may be used to cover costs of an actual water supply project including planning and environmental compliance activities, environmental mitigation, or restoration activities associated with or

necessary for the project. Further, if New Mexico decides to build a project to divert Gila basin water, the state will have access to an additional \$34-\$62 million.



Last spring's line-item veto in House Bill 2, which would have funded science projects supporting Arizona Water Settlements Act planning, signaled a problem with the process. Issues raised included stakeholder groups feeling excluded from the process, a lack of transparency with the planning process, and a lack of communication relative to project issues, objectives and science. In response to these issues this workshop is being convened.

Workshop Logistics

The workshop format will encourage broad and informal interaction across participants. Participants will interact with science and policy experts in small informal groups to gain insight



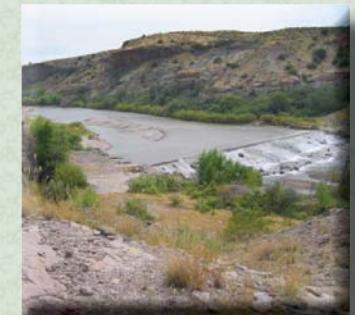
and knowledge on the basin. Small and large group activities and discussions will follow to structure the Arizona Water Settlements Act planning process and establish consensus on the key

questions to be addressed by the planning process.

The workshop will be held at the Mimbres Valley Special Events Center located at 2300 East Pine in Deming, New Mexico. The workshop will begin promptly at 9 am each day and end around 4:30. Coffee, juice and snacks will be provided each day by the Gila Conservation Coalition. Lunches will

be available for purchase (\$5-\$10 /day) and a Dutch treat reception will be organized for Friday night.

We respectfully request that you RSVP for the workshop by October 19, 2007 so that we can properly plan for your participation. Also, if you have any special needs please bring them to our attention.



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Agenda, Southwestern New Mexico Water Planning Workshop

Friday, October 26, 2007

9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions Workshop Goals and Instructions Establishing Ground Rules Communicating the Scientific and Legal Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumptive Use and Forbearance Agreement• Federal Planning Requirements• Endangered Species Act• Water Use in Southwestern New Mexico• Planning Efforts to Date
4:30 pm	Large and Small Group Sessions to Identify Key Questions Adjourn

Saturday, October 27, 2007

9:00 am	Welcome and Instructions Prioritize Key Questions Large and Small Group Sessions to Structure Planning Process Prioritize Planning Process Workshop Summary
4:30 pm	Adjourn