

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
ET AL.,)
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 PLAINTIFFS,)
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and)
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ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE,)
NAVAJO NATION,)
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 PLAINTIFFS IN)
 INTERVENTION)
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 v.)
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A&R PRODUCTIONS, ET AL.)
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 DEFENDANTS.)
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CIV NO. 01- 00072 BDB/ACE
ZUNI RIVER BASIN
ADJUDICATION

STATUS REPORT

COME NOW, Bradley Bridgewater, Edward Bagley, Bidtah Becker, Jane Marx, and Tanya Scott, attorneys of record for the Plaintiffs and various Defendants, and hereby report on the status of scheduling public educational forums as requested by the Special Master at the working session on April 3, 2006:

1. The referenced counsel have held two telephone conferences for the purpose of discussing and agreeing upon a format for public forums to educate participants in this adjudication action concerning the general adjudication process and the status of the Zuni Basin adjudication. A public affairs representative from the State of New Mexico has also participated to describe past experience in holding public educational forums. Additional telephone conferences are planned in the future.

2. Preliminary plans are to schedule two public forums in the summer of 2006, one to be held at Zuni, New Mexico, the other to be held at Ramah, New Mexico.

3. Preliminary plans are to schedule the Zuni, New Mexico forum in July 2006 and the Ramah, New Mexico forum in August 2006.

4. The format of the public forums is still under discussion with input from all parties. Additional input from other attorneys of record is also being sought. *See* Paragraph 8 below.

5. Preliminary discussions have also focused upon providing literature explaining the adjudication process, as well as handouts providing answers to frequently asked questions concerning the process.

6. It is anticipated that technical staff from Natural Resources Consulting Engineers, Inc. (“NRCE”) will be available with maps to explain and answer questions regarding the hydrographic survey.

7. Counsel for the State Engineer is undertaking to solicit the participation of other counsel of record who were not present at the April 3, 2006 working session and thus have not participated in the planning sessions that have already occurred.

8. Discussions have also been conducted regarding methods of informing the parties to the case of the planned educational forums.

DATED: May 12, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Electronically approved

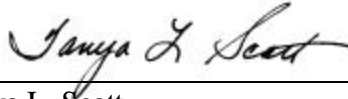
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