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Reclamation to Hold Public Meetings on Environmental Impact of Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The Bureau of Reclamation will conduct five public meetings to provide information and seek public input regarding topics to be addressed in an environmental impact statement being prepared for the proposed construction of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System in Santa Fe County, N.M. The proposed system would serve the pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque, and county residents within the Pojoaque Basin. The RWS, authorized under the Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act, would provide storage to supply up to 4,000 acre-feet of water annually and would consist of surface water diversion or collection facilities along the Rio Grande at the Pueblo de San Ildefonso and treatment, transmission and distribution facilities.

Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- **Monday, April 1, 2013 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
Tesuque Valley Elementary School cafeteria, 1555 Bishop's Lodge Road, Tesuque, N.M. 87574
- **Tuesday, April 2, 2013 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
Pojoaque Valley School District campus, West Wing Conference Room, 1574 State Road 502 West, Santa Fe, N.M. 87506
- **Wednesday, April 3, 2013 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

Santa Fe Community College, Jemez rooms 1&2, 6401 Richards Ave., Santa Fe., N.M. 87508

- **Thursday, April 4, 2013 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
Northern New Mexico College cafeteria, 921 N. Paseo de Onate, Espanola, N.M. 87532
- **Tuesday, April 9, 2013 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
Taos Convention Center, Rio Grande Hall, Room A, 120 Civic Plaza, Taos, N.M., 87571

Each meeting will include a brief presentation and the opportunity for the public to provide input regarding resources to be evaluated, significant issues or concerns, and potential alternatives.

Written comments will be accepted through close of business May, 3, 2013, and should be submitted to:

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