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## SANDOVAL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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April 6, 2009

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Dear Mr. Maniatis:

Sandoval County is proceeding with Phase II of our Desalination Project. We have expended \$6 million on Phase I (exploratory) of the project. Phase II (the treatment pilot study) is funded by the Environmental Department of the State of New Mexico. One of the State's mandatory requirements is ownership of all well sites and rights-of-way by the County. Discussions are underway with the State Land Office and other land owners regarding the transfer of well site(s) and roadway(s). The County respectfully requests your consideration of a transfer of 42 acres in order to bring the project into compliance.

The site requirement is approximately 2 acres for well 6, while the land requirements for well 5 are more substantial due to the planned location of the actual desalination plant on that site. It is also necessary to connect the source wells to the desalination plant with rights-of-way or easements for utility improvements and the current right-of-way of the North-West Loop (NWL) is a practical alignment for some of the infrastructure. The right-of-way for the NWL has been designated and surveyed. The County now seeks a 100-foot wide right-of-way for a road connecting 60<sup>th</sup> St NW (along the western edge of Rio Rancho Estates) to the North-West Loop alignment. This road should proceed generally west from 60<sup>th</sup> St to the North-West Loop and cross lands owned by the King Brothers, Recorp, and the State Land Office. This road is needed to access the NWL and well sites and to provide access for potable water delivery.

The County is currently preparing the surveys, plats, and appraisals needed for the granting of these right-of-ways and well sites. We believe the partnerships developed during Phase I will be instrumental in furthering this important project. When the appraisal is complete, the values of dedicated lands and / or easements can be considered as a basis for tax offsets.

We would appreciate favorable consideration. This series of projects supports the regional development of both a new water source for this region and facilitates continuation of both industrial and economic development. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Guy Bralley, the County's Water Resources Administrator at 505-771-7953. I am also available at my office, 505-867-7538. I look forward to meeting you on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

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