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## Foreward

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# Foreword

Welcome to the ninth edition of *Water Matters!* The tradition of updating articles and adding new ones continues this year, with refinements to our articles on adjudications, groundwater, drought, priority administration, and more. We also continue our tradition of recognizing important New Mexicans who have passionately committed themselves to improving New Mexico's water law and management. The Utton Center dedicates this issue of *Water Matters!* to the memory of two remarkable New Mexicans, G.X. McSherry, and Ella Jaz Kirk. One was a longtime New Mexico political legend and the other was a dynamic young river advocate who was lost all too soon. Both continue to inspire others through their participation in New Mexico's politics.

*Water Matters!* has become a water encyclopedia for New Mexico that grows every year. To reduce printing costs, several years ago we began to print only our new articles for the short session of the State Legislature. This year we are providing *Water Matters!* in its entirety on a flash drive to all legislators. Those who prefer a hard copy are welcome to request one from us. The flash drive also contains many of the Utton Center's historic publications. We hope this flash drive will become your go-to reference for New Mexico water issues.

*Water Matters!* will continue to grow and be refined every year. As we begin anew the process of developing the next edition, we look forward to receiving your input. The Utton Center is here to serve all New Mexicans, and we are particularly pleased that it has found its way into so many New Mexico classrooms. If there are topics you would like to see covered, please let us know.

We are very grateful for all the assistance we had with this edition. In particular, law students did much of the work this year. Many thanks to Diego Urbina and Anne Minard for their contributions. I am also very grateful for the hard work Darcy Bushnell of our Ombudsman Program and Laura Burns, our Program Manager, put into editing and producing this edition.

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