

Thank-you for agreeing to participate in this interview. I'll be asking you a number of questions about your community ditch group, your water rights, and the water right adjudication. The most important thing is to answer the questions accurately. It's alright to say "I don't know". If a question doesn't apply to you, it's alright to say "doesn't apply." It's also alright to say that you do not care to answer a particular question. You may say as much as you like in response to any question.

Interview #: _____ **Date:** _____ **Start Time:** _____

Qualifying and Filtering Questions
1. Are you at least 18 years old? (a)
2. Are you a member of the [CDA]? (b)
3. Is [CDA] formally organized (with bylaws, annual meeting, and ditch rider)? (e)
4. Are you a flat-rater (<2.0 acres) or a farm-rater? (c)
5. Have you received any official mailings about the adjudication? (make sure they haven't received an offer yet) About how long ago did you receive it/them? (c)
6. Did you return the Form A, Response to Summons? (g)
7. For approximately how many years have you been irrigating on one or more of the propert(y/ies) which are part of [CDA]? (d)
8. For approximately how many years have you lived in New Mexico? (If new, ask where they come from).
9. Had you irrigated anywhere else before you began irrigating on [CDA]? (d)

10. Did your parents or other family members ever irrigate? (d)
11. What ethnicities(s) do you identify yourself as? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African-American • Asian • Hispanic • Native American • White / European • Other (please specify):
12. Which of the following most accurately describes your irrigation purpose (overall) (h): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • domestic or house lot irrigation • raising crops as a hobby (<20% of annual income) • c) income-based farming (at least 20% of annual income)

Next, I'll be asking you some questions about your community ditch group.
13. About how many years has [CDA] been in existence? (p)
14. Approximately how old is this ditch?(p)
15. For short-timers , How did you first learn that you were part of a CDA? (p)
16. Would you say that the members of your CDA get along (p) a) very well b) pretty well c) not well?
17. How are differences of opinion about water and the ditch resolved? (p)
18. What are your ideas about how the CDA could be improved? (p)
The next section is about water rights and adjudication. If you're not sure of the answer, give the best answer you can. It's alright to say you don't know.
19. In what ways is your water right valuable to you? (L)
20. What is a water right? (i)

21. On what basis does a person acquire a water right? (i)
22. How might a person lose a water right? (i)
23. What is a water right adjudication? (j)
24. What does the term "beneficial use" mean to you? (i)

25. What does the term “prior appropriation” mean to you? (i)
26. What is the purpose of a water right adjudication? (j)
27. How did you first learn that an adjudication was taking place? (j)
28. About how many years ago did you first learn about the adjudication? (j)
29. When did you come to understand that you were a participant in the adjudication? (j)
30. How well did you understand the mailing you received from the State Engineer? (Followup if they say no: What in particular did you find difficult to understand?) (j)
31. Whom did you consult about how to respond to the mailing? (k)
32. What do you think will happen next? (k)
33. In the future you will receive another mailing that contains more forms. If you had questions about that mailing, whom would you consult for answers? (k)

34. Do you think the adjudication could be harmful to your water right? If so, how? (L)
35. What concerns or worries do you have about the outcome of the adjudication? (L)

<p>36. What concerns, if any, do you have about your ability to participate in the adjudication process? (L)</p>
<p>37. What specific aspects of the adjudication would you like to understand better? (n)</p>
<p>38. Whom do you expect that the adjudication will benefit? How will it be beneficial to them?</p>
<p>39. How might you benefit from the adjudication? (L)</p>
<p>40. What have you heard from others about the purpose of the adjudication? (Followup: do you agree?) (L)</p>
<p>41. Which of the following best describes how you would rate your overall knowledge of the adjudication process? (j)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • very good • okay • not very good

<p>42. Which of the following best describes your level of concern about the adjudication? (L)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • very concerned • somewhat concerned • not very concerned • not at all concerned
<p>43. Which of the following would you be interested in to make you better informed about the adjudication (choose all that apply) (o)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general information about the adjudication • help with understanding and completing the forms that you receive • information about how to find legal counsel • something else (specify)

<p>44. How would you like to obtain additional information about the adjudication? (choose all that apply) (o)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive instructions by mail • find the information on a website • call a help line (with a live person on the other end) • talk with someone at a local government office • take part in a workshop
<p>45. If a workshop about the adjudication were to be offered, would you be likely to attend? (o)</p>
<p>46. (skip if they say no to 43) Would it be easier for you to attend a workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • during the day • on a weekday evening • on the weekend? (o)
<p>47. Would you be likely to attend a workshop that is: (o)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 meeting, 2-3 hours long? • 2 meetings, each 2-3 hours long?
<p>48. What would make you most likely to attend a workshop? (o)</p>
<p>49. What else could be done to help you participate effectively in the adjudication? (o)</p>

This is the end of the interview. Thank-you for taking part.

End Time: _____

Be sure to obtain mailing address and phone for followup.