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Honorable Darren Cordova, Mayor
Town of Taos
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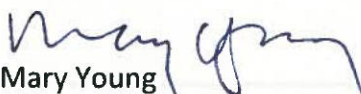
Re: File RG-7339 thru RG-7339-S-6 and proposed Bataan Well

Dear Mayor Cordova:

Under file RG-7339, the Town of Taos (Town) may divert up to 917.28 acre-feet of water per annum from wells RG-7339 thru RG-7339-S-6. Calculated surface water impacts resulting from this diversion are based on each individual well's distance from the two streams immediately adjacent to that well. Pursuant to Article 6.2.4.2 of the *Abeyta* Water Rights Adjudication Settlement Agreement (03-31-06), should the Town, file an application for a replacement for well RG-7339-S-5 (Howell well), to be located in Kit Carson Park and supplemental to this existing water right (i.e., the proposed Bataan well), evaluation of and action on that application by this office would be based on the same administrative method employed for existing diversions under this file number. Depletion effects would be proportionally assigned to the two closest streams immediately adjacent to the proposed well based on the well's distance from these two streams.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


Mary Young
Water Rights Division

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