



Director's Statement

For the first time in New Mexico WRI water conference history, the 41st annual meeting was held in northwestern New Mexico. The Farmington area was ripe with important water issues: drought concerns, controversial proposals like the Animas-La Plata Project, contentious issues involving endangered species programs, quantification of Indian water rights, and others. We feel confident the 200 conference participants left the meeting better informed of the serious water problems facing the area and the steps being taken to resolve those problems.

We planned the meeting for September so we could take advantage of early fall weather and visit surrounding facilities. Although we were greeted by much needed rain and freezing temperatures, we still managed to tour the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project, the Four Corners Power Plant, and the site of the proposed Animas-La Plata Project.

Our thanks to the Water Conference Advisory Committee for their suggestions and support. We look forward to working with the committee as we prepare for the 42nd Annual New Mexico Water Conference.

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