

Director's Statement

Tucumcari was a wonderful site from which to explore the pressing water issues of the eastern portion of New Mexico. Those of us not very familiar with water concerns facing that part of the state came away having learned a great deal. From the area's history to the hydrology and management of the High Plains, knowledgeable speakers did a great job of imparting their expertise to the 130 participants.

We were pleased with the response to our Call for Papers in conjunction with this year's conference. The papers selected were excellent and formed a broad range of studies including: the geohydrology of the Taylor Well Field in Las Vegas, groundwater relationships along the New Mexico-Texas stateline, denitrification of groundwater, using cobble mulch as a water conservation technique, and cloud seeding studies. We appreciate the work that went into preparing these papers for presentation.

Once again the Water Conference Advisory Committee was most helpful in determining a theme and site for this year's conference, selecting topics to be covered, and suggesting speakers. We very much appreciate their assistance. We also would like to thank the American Water Resources Association, New Mexico Section for co-sponsoring the conference. John Copland, President and Roger Peery, President-Elect were extremely helpful throughout the planning stage and did a terrific job in reviewing the papers submitted in response to the Call for Papers. Hopefully we will be able to cooperate on future conferences with the AWRA.



Tom Bahr, WRRRI Director, welcomes participants to the 42nd Annual New Mexico Water Conference at the Tucumcari Convention Center.