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Ms. Jennifer Faler, P.E.
Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

RE: Invitation to Participate as Cooperating Agency for the Environmental Impact Statement on the Lower San Acequia Reach Improvement Project (LSARI), Socorro County, New Mexico; New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) Project No. NMERT 2632

Dear Ms. Faler:

The Department has received the BOR's invitation for the Department to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the LSARI Project. The Department accepts this invitation and looks forward to collaborating with the BOR and other participating agencies on the LSARI Project.

The Department intends to participate as outlined by the BOR's invitation, including providing technical assistance, providing background information, assisting with alternatives development, identifying potential effects of the alternatives, participating in key meetings, and reviewing the EIS in draft and final form. However, the Department does not have the capacity or resources to develop hydrological models as requested.

The Department's representative during this process will be Jack Marchetti, Aquatic/Riparian Habitat Specialist. He can be contacted at jack.marchetti@dgf.nm.gov or 505-479-1269.

Thank you for the invitation to participate as a cooperating agency during this project.

Sincerely,

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Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

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