

Augustin Plains Ranch appeals decision

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It deny it a permit to pump water from the San Agustin Plains to municipalities and businesses in the Rio Grande Valley.

According to a legal notice to be published in the Thursday, Aug. 16 edition of El Defensor Chieftain, Augustin Plains Ranch will be appealing the Summary Judgment by the Office of the State Engineer.

The decision essentially negated the need to hold a full evidentiary hearing on APR's application for a permit to drill 37 wells to pump 54,000 acre-feet per year from the Agustín aquifer and offer the water – via a pipeline – to northern New Mexico entities and communities.

The appeal, Augustin Plains Ranch, LLC vs. Tom Blaine, et al. was filed August 13 in Catron County, Seventh Judicial District Court.

Blaine is the state engineer.