

## **Rolf Schmidt-Petersen**

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Rolf Schmidt-Petersen has 28 years of experience in water resources management in both the private and public sectors and has worked for the State of New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC) for about 18 years. He currently serves as the interim Colorado River Basin Manager and Rio Grande Basin Manager for the NMISC. In addition, he has served as New Mexico's Engineer Adviser to the Rio Grande Compact Commission for the past seven (7) years. His responsibilities include investigation, development, conservation, and protection of Colorado River Basin and Rio Grande Basin water resources and stream systems, interstate stream compact administration and compliance, and resolution of interstate and federal water resource issues affecting the State's water resources. Mr. Schmidt-Petersen has managed and/or overseen numerous water resources investigations; engaged in daily to multi-year water operations planning, permitting, and implementation activities; conducted numerous water rights related activities; worked to propose biological assessments and implement biological opinions; cost shared construction projects for the NMISC including levee reconstruction, river and drain maintenance, vegetation maintenance, habitat restoration, and endangered species hatcheries; and provided technical expert support for the state in litigation. The work has been conducted with a wide variety of partners including, but not limited to, the States of Colorado and Texas, Reclamation, the BIA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Service, Indian Pueblos and Tribes, cities, irrigation and conservancy districts, and acequia groups. He graduated from the New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology in 1991 with a Master of Science degree in Hydrology.