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Governor Richardson Appoints Hobbs Businessman to State Environmental Improvement Board

(Santa Fe, NM) — Governor Bill Richardson has appointed Ken Marsh of Hobbs to the state's Environmental Improvement Board (EIB). President of Controlled Recovery, Inc., a Hobbs oil field disposal and treatment facility, Mr. Marsh is also a certified environmental inspector and is involved with a number of other business interests in Southeastern New Mexico.

"I have known Ken for a long time and I am confident that he will serve the state well in this new position," said Ron Curry, New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary. "The EIB helps us do our job, which is to protect the health of New Mexico's environment and the state's citizens. Ken's balanced background will bring important considerations to the table and help make this job easier."

The Governor charges the EIB with two main areas of responsibility. One is the promulgation of rules and regulations enforced by NMED. The other is hearing appeals of some NMED enforcement actions and decisions.

The EIB's other board members are:

- Gay Dillingham of Santa Fe, Executive Director of the Livingry Foundation
- Gregory Green of Albuquerque, NM Director of the National Environmental Trust
- Dolores Herrera of Albuquerque, Consultant and South Valley environmental activist
- Clifford Stroud of Carlsbad, economic development advisor to Los Alamos National Lab
- Harold Tso of Albuquerque, founder of the Navajo Environmental Protection Commission
- Gwen Wardwell of Santa Fe, former chair of the Sierra Club's Rio Grande Chapter

Mr. Marsh replaces Jeff Thomas of Farmington, a businessman with automotive, real estate and oil and gas interests who recently stepped down.

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