



1 **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

2 **August 23, 2026**

3 **NO. S-1-SC-41580**

4 **CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL**
5 **DIVERSITY,**

6 Petitioner,

7 v.

8 **ELIZABETH ANDERSON, in her**
9 **official capacity as NEW MEXICO**
10 **STATE ENGINEER,**

11 Respondents,

12 and

13 **SANTA TERESA CAPITAL, LLC,**

14 Real Party in Interest.

15 **ORDER**

16 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon the Court's own
17 motion to request a response to the *emergency verified petition for writ of*
18 *mandamus and request for stay*, and the Court being sufficiently advised, Chief
19 Justice Julie J. Vargas, Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice
20 David K. Thomson, and Justice Briana H. Zamora concurring;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request for stay is
22 GRANTED, and the October 23, 2025, emergency drilling authorization

1 permitting the use of water from a new well for the construction of Project Jupiter
2 is hereby STAYED until further order of the Court;

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a response shall be timely if filed on or
4 before **September 02, 2026**; and

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no reply shall be filed unless ordered by
6 the Court.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Julie J. Vargas, Chief
Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New
Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 23rd day of
August, 2026.

Elizabeth A. Garcia, Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of New Mexico

I CERTIFY AND ATTEST:
A true copy was served on all parties
or their counsel of record on date filed.
Lynette Escobar Cordova
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico

By 
Chief Deputy Clerk