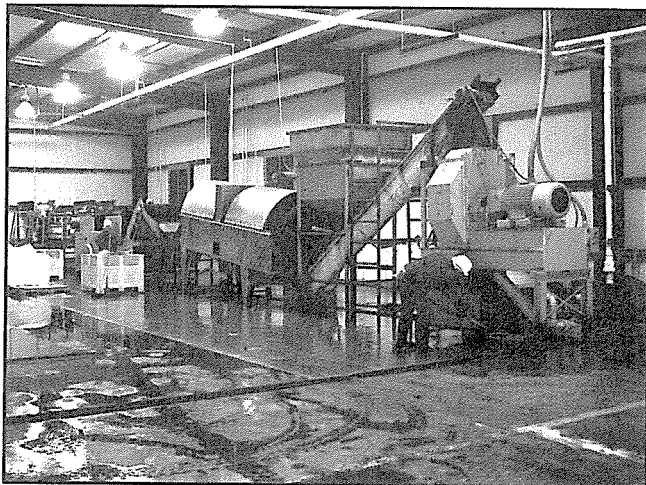
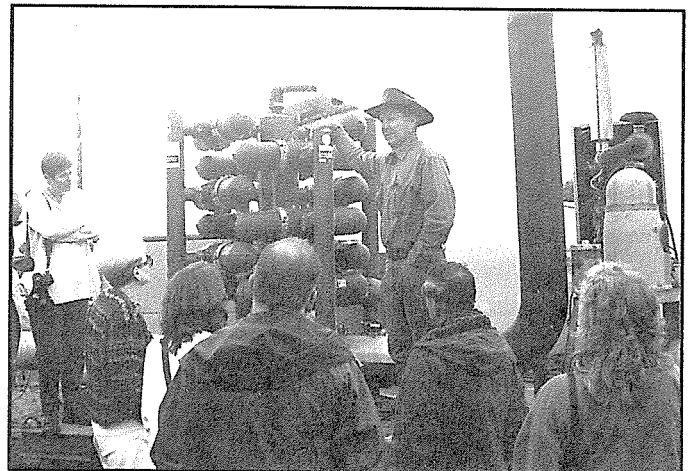
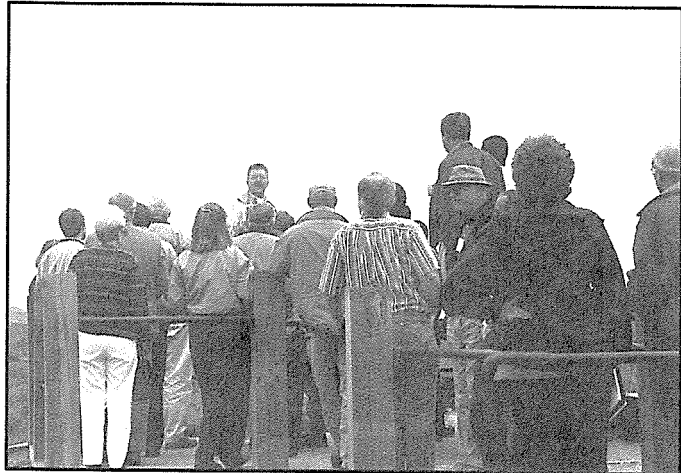
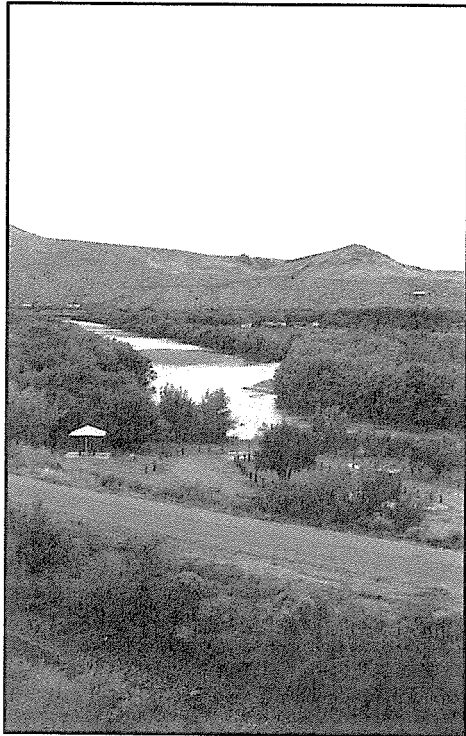


*Elephant Butte Irrigation District Hosts Tour*



An unseasonably cool October day greeted participants of this year's water conference tour. Gary Esslinger, Manager of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, hosted about 50 people as they traveled by bus north to Leasburg Dam and then swung down through the valley stopping at Robert Faubion's farm to look at his state-of-the-art irrigation equipment. The group continued south to Mesilla Dam, stopped at the Stahmann Country Store for a snack and then headed to Dino Cervantes' new chile processing plant where participants were treated to chile popcorn with a definite bite. EBID staff prepared a 45-page booklet for the tour. It provided the history of the District; their organization and operating policies; EBID Project Dam description; canal, lateral and drain data; and other pertinent information. Photos clockwise from upper left: view from Leasburg Dam lookout; Gary Esslinger describing the operation of the EBID; Robert Faubion describing how his subsurface drip irrigation system works; and a view inside the Cervantes Chile Processing Plant.