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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	HENRC		DATE TYPED:	03/01/01	НВ	982/HENRCS
SHORT TITLE:		Facilitate and Fund Activities of the Rio Jemez Drainage Basin Water Settlement				
ANALYST:						Chabot

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained			Estimated Add	litional Impact	Recurring	Fund
FY01		FY02	FY01	FY02	or Non-Rec	Affected
\$	50.0				Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
Office of the State Engineer (SEO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for the purpose of entering into joint powers agreements (JPA) with the Pueblos of Zia, Santa Ana, Jemez and others in the Rio Jemez drainage basin to facilitate and fund activities necessary to participate in the Rio Jemez drainage basin water settlement and irrigation negotiations regarding the pending federal and Native American claims. An emergency clause is included.

Significant Issues

The appropriation is specifically to be used to facilitate and fund activities related to the pending federal and Native American issues in the Rio Jemez adjudication. According to SEO, a hearing was held and the special master's report and recommendation for the adjudication of the claims of the pueblos was submitted to the court in 1989. This appropriation may facilitate efforts to reach settlement of the adjudications in a more expeditious manner.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

SEO recommends that "other adjudication members" be defined.

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