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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

		ORIGINAL DATE	2-6-06	
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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	riation	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 797 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY07 to have Santa Fe County continue a forum on regional planning issues in the Espanola basin.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA explained decades of mistrust, usurpation of water rights, degradation of water quality and outright lack of water has resulted in decades-long lawsuits among water users in the Espanola Basin. All parties recognize a need to build relationships among tribes, counties, and other local entities as a cost effective investment and preferable alternative to litigation and lingering mistrust. Through the offices of Santa Fe County, Los Alamos National Lab's Water Resources

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Technical Assistance Office has been conducting a forum on regional water and wastewater planning issues in the Espanola water basin. Participants include the host county, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba Counties, City of Espanola, the Eight Northern Pueblos (except Taos and Picuris) and the Pueblos of Santo Domingo and Cochiti. Out of the forum process, participants seek to create a regional water and wastewater authority.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DFA indicated the bill supports area-wide water and wastewater planning, a goal shared by the administration and legislature alike.

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