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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER TO COMPLETE
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING DESIGNS FOR IMPROVEMENTS
TO SANTA CRUZ DAM AND REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION TO SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, results from sedimentation studies performed in
1991 and 2006 indicate that the Santa Cruz dam is filling
with silt at a rate of twenty-five acre-feet per year and is
currently thirty-two percent to thirty-four percent full of
silt; and

WHEREAS, the office of the state engineer continues to
have on the shelf a design for an eight-and-one-half-foot
rise in the dam wall;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the dam safety bureau of the office
of the state engineer be requested to complete review and
approval of design for improving the Santa Cruz dam to
shovel-ready; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico congressional
delegation be requested to seek federal funding support for
the improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the state engineer and to the New Mexico
congressional delegation. _____