

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 55

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A
12 SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXTREME DROUGHT AND WET WATER USAGE.

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14 WHEREAS, New Mexico has been in an extreme long-term
15 drought;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
18 requested to appoint a subcommittee on extreme drought and wet
19 water usage; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee be requested
21 to meet at least three times for two days each in Socorro,
22 Elephant Butte and Las Cruces; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee invite input
24 and assistance from the Elephant Butte irrigation district, the
25 water resources research institute at New Mexico state

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1 university, the New Mexico department of agriculture, the
2 interstate stream commission, the office of the state engineer
3 and other sources of expertise on the drought; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee consider
5 options for recommended actions by the state, including
6 augmentation of water supplies, construction of water storage
7 infrastructure, development of drought management plans,
8 support for development of improved drought management analysis
9 tools, changes to the tax code to improve drought management
10 decision-making and assistance to agricultural producers for
11 feed augmentation during droughts; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
14 council.