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AN ACT

RELATING TO FINANCE; AUTHORIZING THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE
AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS OR GRANTS FROM THE WATER PROJECT FUND
FOR CERTAIN WATER PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE NEW MEXICO
FINANCE AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS FROM THE ACEQUIA PROJECT
FUND FOR CERTAIN ACEQUIA PROJECTS; LIMITING AUTHORIZATIONS TO
CURRENT PROJECTS; CHANGING THE APPOINTING POWER FOR SOME
WATER TRUST BOARD MEMBERS; REQUIRING CERTAIN REPORTS;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF QUALIFYING WATER

PROJECTS.--Pursuant to the provisions of Section 72-4A-9 NMSA
1978, the legislature authorizes the New Mexico finance
authority to make loans or grants from the water project fund
to the following qualifying entities for the following
qualifying water projects on terms and conditions established
by the water trust board and the New Mexico finance
authority:

1. to the Canadian River soil and water
conservation district in Quay county for a watershed
restoration and management project;

2. to the Claunch-Pinto soil and water
conservation district for a watershed restoration and
management project in Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Torrance

1 counties;

2 3. to the Ute Creek soil and water conservation
3 district in Harding county for a watershed restoration and
4 management project;

5 4. to the acequia del Monte de Rio Chiquito in
6 Taos county for a water conservation, treatment, recycling or
7 reuse project;

8 5. to the city of Clovis in Curry county for a
9 water conservation, treatment, recycling or reuse project;

10 6. to the city of Rio Rancho in Sandoval county
11 for a water conservation, treatment, recycling or reuse
12 project;

13 7. to the city of Rio Rancho in Sandoval county
14 for an additional water conservation, treatment, recycling or
15 reuse project;

16 8. to El Valle water alliance in San Miguel county
17 for a water conservation, treatment, recycling or reuse
18 project;

19 9. to the Pueblo of Tesuque in Santa Fe county for
20 a water conservation, treatment, recycling or reuse project;

21 10. to McKinley county for a water storage,
22 conveyance and delivery project;

23 11. to McKinley county for an additional water
24 storage, conveyance and delivery project;

25 12. to the Agua Sana water users association in

1 Rio Arriba county for a water storage, conveyance and
2 delivery project;

3 13. to the Alto Lakes water and sanitation
4 district in Lincoln county for a water storage, conveyance
5 and delivery project;

6 14. to the Canoncito at Apache Canyon mutual
7 domestic water consumers and sewer water association in
8 Santa Fe county for a water storage, conveyance and delivery
9 project;

10 15. to the city of Las Vegas in San Miguel county
11 for a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

12 16. to the Cuatro Villas mutual domestic water
13 users association in Santa Fe county for a water storage,
14 conveyance and delivery project;

15 17. to El Creston mutual domestic water consumers
16 association in San Miguel county for a water storage,
17 conveyance and delivery project;

18 18. to the Eldorado Area water and sanitation
19 district in Santa Fe county for a water storage, conveyance
20 and delivery project;

21 19. to the greater Glorieta community regional
22 mutual domestic water consumers and sewer association in
23 Santa Fe county for a water storage, conveyance and delivery
24 project;

25 20. to the Hanover mutual domestic water consumers

1 association in Grant county for a water storage, conveyance
2 and delivery project;

3 21. to la acequia del Encinal in Mora county for a
4 water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

5 22. to La Lama mutual domestic water consumers
6 association in Taos county for a water storage, conveyance
7 and delivery project;

8 23. to the Pojoaque Valley public school district
9 in Santa Fe county for a water storage, conveyance and
10 delivery project;

11 24. to the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh in Rio Arriba
12 county for a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

13 25. to the Pueblo of Picuris in Taos county for a
14 water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

15 26. to the Pueblo of Santa Clara in Rio Arriba
16 county for a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

17 27. to the town of Springer in Colfax county for a
18 water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

19 28. to the town of Taos in Taos county for a water
20 storage, conveyance and delivery project;

21 29. to the Upper Holman mutual domestic water
22 consumers association in Mora county for a water storage,
23 conveyance and delivery project;

24 30. to the village of Los Lunas in Valencia county
25 for a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

1 31. to the village of Magdalena in Socorro county
2 for a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

3 32. to the village of Tijeras in Bernalillo county
4 for a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

5 33. to the village of Tularosa in Otero county for
6 a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

7 34. to the Guadalupe soil and water conservation
8 district in Guadalupe county for a watershed restoration and
9 management project;

10 35. to the Merced del Pueblo de Cebolleta in
11 Cibola county for a watershed restoration and management
12 project;

13 36. to the middle Rio Grande conservancy district
14 in Socorro county for a flood prevention project;

15 37. to the village of Hatch in Dona Ana county for
16 a flood prevention project;

17 38. to the city of Deming in Luna county for a
18 water conservation, treatment, recycling or reuse project;

19 39. to the city of Las Vegas in San Miguel county
20 for a water conservation, treatment, recycling or reuse
21 project;

22 40. to the Green Ridge mutual domestic water
23 consumers association in Bernalillo county for a water
24 conservation, treatment, recycling or reuse project;

25 41. to the village of Chama in Rio Arriba county

1 for a water conservation, treatment, recycling or reuse
2 project;

3 42. to Lea county for a water storage, conveyance
4 and delivery project;

5 43. to McKinley county for an additional water
6 storage, conveyance and delivery project;

7 44. to the acequia de la Isla in Mora county for a
8 water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

9 45. to the Ancones mutual domestic water consumers
10 association in Rio Arriba county for a water storage,
11 conveyance and delivery project;

12 46. to the city of Belen in Valencia county for a
13 water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

14 47. to the city of Bloomfield in San Juan county
15 for a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

16 48. to the city of Carlsbad in Eddy county for a
17 water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

18 49. to the city of Deming in Luna county for a
19 water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

20 50. to the Cottonwood rural water association in
21 Eddy county for a water storage, conveyance and delivery
22 project;

23 51. to the Desert Aire mutual domestic water and
24 sewer works association in Dona Ana county for a water
25 storage, conveyance and delivery project;

1 52. to the Garfield mutual domestic water
2 consumers and mutual sewage works association in Dona Ana and
3 Sierra counties for a water storage, conveyance and delivery
4 project;

5 53. to the Merced del Pueblo de Cebolleta in
6 Cibola county for a water storage, conveyance and delivery
7 project;

8 54. to the Otis mutual domestic water consumers
9 association in Eddy county for a water storage, conveyance
10 and delivery project;

11 55. to the Rainsville water and sanitation
12 district in Mora county for a water storage, conveyance and
13 delivery project;

14 56. to the town of Estancia in Torrance county for
15 a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

16 57. to the Valley Estates mutual domestic water
17 and sewer association in Rio Arriba county for a water
18 storage, conveyance and delivery project;

19 58. to the village of Eagle Nest in Colfax county
20 for a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

21 59. to the village of Melrose in Curry county for
22 a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

23 60. to the village of Pecos in San Miguel county
24 for a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

25 61. to the village of Ruidoso in Lincoln county

1 for a water storage, conveyance and delivery project;

2 62. to the village of Ruidoso in Lincoln county
3 for an additional water storage, conveyance and delivery
4 project;

5 63. to the city of Gallup in McKinley county for a
6 water storage, conveyance and delivery project; and

7 64. to the eastern New Mexico water utility
8 authority in Curry, Quay and Roosevelt counties for a water
9 storage, conveyance and delivery project.

10 SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION OF QUALIFYING ACEQUIA WATER
11 PROJECTS.--Pursuant to the provisions of Section 72-4A-9.1
12 NMSA 1978, the legislature authorizes the New Mexico finance
13 authority to make grants from the acequia project fund to the
14 following qualified entities for the following qualifying
15 acequia water projects on terms and conditions established by
16 the water trust board and the New Mexico finance authority:

17 1. to Las Vegas acequia madre in San Miguel county
18 for an acequia project;

19 2. to the acequia del Medio in Rio Arriba county
20 for an acequia project;

21 3. to the Rio Arriba chili ditch association in
22 Rio Arriba county for an acequia project;

23 4. to the Santa Fe acequia Barranco Blanco in
24 Santa Fe county for an acequia project; and

25 5. to the Ensenada acequia in Rio Arriba county

1 for an acequia project.

2 SECTION 3. A new section of the Water Project Finance
3 Act is enacted to read:

4 "AUTHORIZATION LIMITATIONS.--Money in the water project
5 fund that has not been obligated shall not be used to fund
6 water projects that were authorized in a legislative session
7 prior to the most recent regular legislative session but not
8 funded by the authority; provided that such projects
9 previously authorized by the legislature may be authorized
10 again."

11 SECTION 4. Section 72-4A-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,
12 Chapter 164, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "72-4A-4. WATER TRUST BOARD CREATED.--

14 A. The "water trust board" is created. The board
15 is composed of the following fifteen members:

16 (1) the state engineer or the state
17 engineer's designee;

18 (2) the secretary of finance and
19 administration or the secretary's designee;

20 (3) the secretary of environment or the
21 secretary's designee;

22 (4) the secretary of energy, minerals and
23 natural resources or the secretary's designee;

24 (5) the director of the New Mexico
25 department of agriculture or the director's designee;

1 (6) the executive director of the New Mexico
2 municipal league or the executive director's designee;

3 (7) the executive director of the New Mexico
4 association of counties or the executive director's designee;

5 (8) six public members appointed by the
6 New Mexico legislative council who represent:

7 (a) the environmental community;

8 (b) an irrigation or conservancy
9 district;

10 (c) the agricultural community;

11 (d) the head of a statewide association
12 representing acequias or the association's designee;

13 (e) the head of a statewide association
14 representing soil and water conservation districts or the
15 association's designee; and

16 (f) water associations organized under
17 the Sanitary Projects Act, Laws 1947, Chapter 206, Laws 1949,
18 Chapter 79 or Laws 1951, Chapter 52;

19 (9) one public member appointed by the
20 Indian affairs commission; and

21 (10) one representative of the Navajo Nation
22 who lives in New Mexico appointed by the president of the
23 Navajo Nation.

24 B. The chair of the board shall be elected by a
25 quorum of the board members. The board shall meet at the

1 call of the chair or whenever three members submit a request
2 in writing to the chair, but not less often than once each
3 calendar year. A majority of members constitutes a quorum
4 for the transaction of business. The affirmative vote of at
5 least a majority of a quorum present shall be necessary for
6 an action to be taken by the board.

7 C. Each public member of the board shall be
8 appointed to a four-year term. To provide for staggered
9 terms, two of the initially appointed public members shall be
10 appointed for terms of two years and three members for terms
11 of four years. Thereafter, all public members shall be
12 appointed for four-year terms. Vacancies in public member
13 positions shall be filled by appointment by the New Mexico
14 legislative council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

15 D. Public members of the board shall be reimbursed
16 for attending meetings of the board as provided for
17 nonsalaried public officers in the Per Diem and Mileage Act
18 and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or
19 allowance.

20 E. Public members of the board are appointed
21 public officials of the state while carrying out their duties
22 and activities under the Water Project Finance Act.

23 F. The public members of the water trust board on
24 July 1, 2014 shall finish out the terms for which they were
25 appointed. If a vacancy occurs in a public member's term

1 after July 1, 2014, the New Mexico legislative council shall
2 fill the vacancy by appointment of a qualified person for the
3 remainder of the term."

4 SECTION 5. Section 72-4A-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,
5 Chapter 164, Section 10) is amended to read:

6 "72-4A-10. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE.--The board shall
7 report to the legislature no later than October 1 of each
8 calender year the total expenditures from the water project
9 fund and the acequia project fund, their purposes, an
10 analysis of the accomplishments of the expenditures and
11 recommendations for legislative action."

12 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
13 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
14 immediately. _____

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