

1 SENATE BILL 197

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WATER PROJECTS IN TAOS COUNTY.

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

14 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--

15 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
16 general fund to the department of environment for expenditure  
17 in fiscal years 2025 through 2028 for the following purposes:

18 (1) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to  
19 plan, design, improve and construct a wastewater treatment  
20 facility and water system for the village of Questa in Taos  
21 county;

22 (2) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to plan,  
23 design, improve and construct a wastewater treatment facility  
24 and water system for Taos county;

25 (3) one million eight hundred thousand dollars

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1 (\$1,800,000) to plan, design, construct and equip a mitigation  
2 well for the acequia del Monte del Rio Chiquito in Taos county;

3 (4) two million two hundred thousand dollars  
4 (\$2,200,000) to plan, design and construct water system  
5 improvements, including electrical infrastructure, well  
6 buildings and equipment, access roads, culverts and security  
7 systems, for El Prado water and sanitation district in Taos  
8 county;

9 (5) one million six hundred thousand dollars  
10 (\$1,600,000) to plan, design, construct, purchase and install  
11 the Rio Grande del Rancho mitigation well and associated  
12 equipment for the Llano Quemado mutual domestic water consumers  
13 association in Taos county; and

14 (6) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)  
15 to plan, design and construct water system improvements for El  
16 Valle de los Ranchos water and sanitation district in Taos  
17 county.

18 B. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
19 general fund to the interstate stream commission for  
20 expenditure in fiscal years 2025 through 2028 for the following  
21 purposes:

22 (1) three hundred eighty thousand dollars  
23 (\$380,000) to plan, design and construct improvements,  
24 including a diversion dam, for the citizen's middle ditch  
25 association in Questa in Taos county;

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1                   (2) one million two hundred thousand dollars  
2 (\$1,200,000) to plan, design, construct, repair and improve the  
3 ditch, including diversion structures, for the Llano irrigation  
4 company in Taos county;

5                   (3) thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to plan,  
6 design and construct improvements, including a diversion dam,  
7 for the Jose Cleofes Arellano acequia association in Amalia in  
8 Taos county;

9                   (4) two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars  
10 (\$275,000) to plan, design and construct improvements,  
11 including a diversion dam, for the Santa Barbara ditch  
12 association in Penasco in Taos county;

13                   (5) thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to plan,  
14 design and construct improvements, including a diversion dam,  
15 for Los Cordovas ditch association in Los Cordovas in Taos  
16 county;

17                   (6) one hundred eighty thousand dollars  
18 (\$180,000) to plan, design and construct improvements,  
19 including a diversion dam, for Los Lovatos acequia association  
20 in Taos county;

21                   (7) two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
22 (\$250,000) to plan, design and construct ditch improvements,  
23 including an irrigation pipeline, for the Rio Lucio water ditch  
24 association in Taos county;

25                   (8) two million four hundred thousand dollars

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1 (\$2,400,000) to plan, design, construct and improve an  
2 irrigation system for the Rio Costilla ditch association in  
3 Taos county;

4 (9) thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to  
5 plan, design, construct and improve a flume project for the  
6 Trampas ditch association in Trampas in Taos county; and

7 (10) thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to  
8 plan, design and construct ditch improvements, including an  
9 irrigation pipeline, for Sanchez ditch in La Loma in Taos  
10 county.

11 C. Money from appropriations made in this section  
12 shall not be used to pay indirect project costs or be subject  
13 to a binding written agreement with a third party prior to the  
14 authorized state agency's approval to enter into that  
15 agreement.

16 D. Any unexpended balance of an appropriation made  
17 pursuant to this section remaining within six months of  
18 completion of a project, but no later than the end of fiscal  
19 year 2028, shall revert to the general fund.

20 E. For the purposes of this section, "unexpended  
21 balance" means the remainder of an appropriation after  
22 reserving for unpaid costs and expenses subject to a binding  
23 written agreement with a third party.