

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 2/2/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB 193Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Sen. Pete CamposAgency Name
and CodeOffice of the State Engineer
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Number:

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gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$0	\$2,500	Recurring	IWCF

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	Recurring	ACDIF

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected

Total	\$0	\$130	\$130	\$260	Recurring	GF
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: N/A

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: N/A

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

This bill would double the amount transferred from the New Mexico Irrigation Works Construction Fund (IWCF) into the Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund (ACDIF) from \$2.5 million to \$5 million per year. The bill would also make minor stylistic updates to the existing language of the IWCF.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The total appropriations and transfers out of the IWCF currently exceed the revenues into the fund. If the obligations on the fund were increased without a corresponding increase in revenues, the declining balance of the IWCF fund would hasten the depletion of its current fund balance.

Additionally, the doubling of funding for project programming would have a direct impact on ISC staff dedicated to this work who are already fully subscribed. We estimate at least one additional FTE would be needed to assist with the doubling of the project workload. At approximately \$130K/FTE, this impact would be \$130,000 per year in increased operating costs for the ISC.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ISC agrees there is a need for more funding for acequia projects. However, Trust Fund long-term solvency needs to be addressed because the transfers called for in this bill will not be possible if the IWCF does not have the funds in the first place.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 193 would double the funding available for acequia and community ditches, which would increase the workload of the current ISC staff handling the program. This would require, at a minimum, the addition of one FTE.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The current funding structure for the Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund will remain the same.

AMENDMENTS

None