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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE WATER CONSERVATION IN ITS WORK PLAN.

WHEREAS, many aquifers, most notably in the Albuquerque valley, are being depleted at a faster rate than they can be replenished; and

WHEREAS, most of the available water in New Mexico's river basins are already committed to present uses; and

WHEREAS, the amount and timing of water released in our streams is sometimes inadequate to sustain healthy ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the office of the state engineer has been understaffed and underfunded in recent years; and

WHEREAS, conservation of water, watershed management and other methods should be used to achieve increased water yields;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be requested to retain the integrated water and resource planning committee and include water conservation in its work plan to evaluate approaches to water conservation, focusing on voluntary incentives rather than imposed constraints; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the integrated water and resource planning committee assist in developing a broad strategy of water conservation from planning to use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the integrated water and resource planning committee report its findings and recommendations to the second session of the forty-third legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the New Mexico legislative counci 1.

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Mr. Speaker:

Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

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Respectfully submitted,

March 15, 1997

G. X. McSherry, Chairman

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