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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 27**

**43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998**

**INTRODUCED BY**

**DEBBIE A. RODELLA**

**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE INVOLVEMENT OF ACEQUIAS IN THE WATER HISTORY OF NEW MEXICO AND REQUESTING WATER- FOCUSED AGENCIES AND THE LEGISLATURE TO APPOINT ACEQUIA REPRESENTATIVES TO STUDY GROUPS AND TASK GROUPS CONSIDERING WATER ISSUES.**

**WHEREAS, water and its use, ownership, development and protection are of vital interest to all New Mexicans; and**

**WHEREAS, acequias have naturally attended to issues of water and its protection throughout the state and its history; and**

**WHEREAS, acequias have contributed to New Mexico's agrarian and rural qualities of society and culture through their shared and established use of water facilities for agricultural purposes; and**

**WHEREAS, the enduring activities of acequias in the**

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1 development, use and communal operation and administration of  
2 water facilities to access entitled water rights should be  
3 recognized and valued; and

4 WHEREAS, the lasting and established interests of  
5 acequias in New Mexico should be included and considered in  
6 discussions, studies and planning activities for water use and  
7 ownership in the future;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that water-focused executive agencies and  
10 the legislature be requested to appoint or include members of  
11 acequias to any task group or study group established to  
12 address water issues; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the governor, the state engineer, the  
15 interstate stream commission, the energy, minerals and natural  
16 resources department, the commissioner of public lands and the  
17 New Mexico legislative council.

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8 Mr. Speaker:  
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10 Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,  
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
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22 G. X. McSherry, Chairman  
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11 Yes: 6

12 Excused: Dana, Porter, Wright

13 Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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Excused: Eisenstadt, Lyons, Macias

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Absent: None

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