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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 36

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

INTRODUCED BY

CARLOS R. CISNEROS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE ENGINEER AND THE INTERSTATE STREAM
COMMISSION TO MANAGE THE RIO COSTILLA SYSTEM IN A MANNER TO
ELIMINATE OVER-DIVERSION AND WASTE OF WATER.

WHEREAS, the practice and history of water appropriation
and usage on the Rio Costilla system has resulted in over-
diversion and waste of water resources; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing over-diversion and
waste, the historic acequias have been deprived of adequate
water; and

WHEREAS, metering of water and other efficiency measures,
if implemented and required on the system, would greatly
remedy existing deficits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state engineer and the interstate

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stream commission be requested and encouraged to manage the Rio Costilla system in a manner that will eliminate over-diversion and waste of water by taking at least the following actions:

- A. metering water usage;
- B. ensure that all diversions are limited to legal water rights bases on a one and one-half acre foot per acre duty of water;
- C. return all unused, excess and surplus flows to the river for priority use by historic acequias with the remaining flow left in the channel;
- D. prepare a water master's manual delineating daily operation of the system and delivery of water through the entire watershed; and
- E. continue working cooperatively with the state of Colorado to clarify water rights questions and increase efficiency of the use of water to benefit both the river and the acequias; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent to the governor of New Mexico, the governor of Colorado, the state engineer and the chairman of the interstate stream commission.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Aragon, Gorham

Absent: None

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