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8	ENDORSED BY THE LAND GRANT COMMITTEE
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO ACEQUIAS AND COMMUNITY DITCHES; PROVIDING POWERS TO
12	THE ACEQUIA COMMISSION; REQUIRING A REPORT.
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14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
15	SECTION 1. Section 73-2-66 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
16	Chapter 293, Section 2) is amended to read:
17	"73-2-66. POWERS AND DUTIES
18	A. The acequia commission, through its staff or
19	contract agents, may apply for and accept any public or private
20	grants, gifts or donations for the benefit of the acequia
21	commission or acequias or community ditches in general or
22	particular.
23	B. The acequia commission, through its staff or
24	<pre>contract agents, may:</pre>
25	(1) assist acequias or community ditches in
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all areas of acequia or community ditch economic development,
infrastructure development and legislative initiatives,
including capital outlay proposals;
(2) establish cooperative purchasing
capabilities for acequias or community ditches;
(3) perform special studies and undertake
surveys of interest for acequias or community ditches and
report the findings;
(4) serve as fiscal agent and administrator
for federal and state grants-in-aid and other funding for an
acequia or a community ditch when necessary;
(5) facilitate or enter into agreements with
state and federal agencies on behalf of acequias or community
ditches;
(6) enter into contracts to carry out its
duties; and
(7) provide other assistance to assist
acequias or community ditches.
C. The acequia commission shall:
[A.] (1) provide advice and assist the
governor, legislature, office of the state engineer and
interstate stream commission and the United States army corps
of engineers in establishing acequia and community ditch
rehabilitation priorities and in other acequia and community

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	[B•]	(2) serve as a facilitator for
communication	between	acequia and community ditch associations
and state and	federal	agencies; and

[C.] (3) review and comment on any plan or legislation affecting acequias or community ditches to the governor, the legislature, the [secretary] director of the New Mexico department of agriculture and the interstate stream commission."

SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] REPORT TO GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE. -- The acequia commission shall report to the governor and the legislature by December 1 of each year on the state of acequias and community ditches in New Mexico and the activities of the acequia commission for that year.

EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the SECTION 3. provisions of this act is July 1, 2017.

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