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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE:	Regional Acequia Geographic Info Systems			SB	
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 105.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB218, SB235

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Engineer / Interstate Stream Commission (OSE/ISC)

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of HENRC Amendment

The House Energy and Natural Resources Committee amended HB281 by deleting language for developing pilot project regional acequia geographic information systems (GIS) compatible with the statewide model GIS and included language for the advancement of the Northern Rio Grande Acequia GIS.

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 281 appropriates \$105.0 from the general fund to OSE to assist the Taos Valley and the Rio de Chama Acequia associations in developing pilot regional acequia geographical information systems (GIS). No more than 5% of the appropriation is to be used for OSE administrative costs. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY2001 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

HB 281 sponsors pilot projects which will be compatible with the statewide GIS being developed by OSE. Recently, the engineer initiated its GIS as part of the agency's Water Administration Technical Engineering Resources System (WATERS) computer data base abstraction project.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill appropriates \$105.0 from the general fund for the acequia information systems planning.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

OSE is unsure how much time its Information Systems Division will need for project management and GIS

support. It is also unclear how the appropriation will be administered to ensure it is equally divided between the two acequia associations.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

HB 281 duplicates HB 218 and SB 235. Additionally, OSE used a \$100.0 appropriation in 1999 to develop a GIS for the Northern Rio Grande Acequia Association. The development was based in the Taos area, specifically using the Rio Pueblo de Taos as the pilot project study area. Already, significant effort and money have been expended on developing a system in the area, but some of that effort could be applied to both the Taos Valley and Rio de Chama acequias.

Proposed Amendments:

The OSE states that rather than the language "in developing pilot project regional acequia geographic information systems compatible with the statewide model geographic information system", insert "for the advancement of the Northern Rio Grande Acequia geographic system currently being developed by the state engineer and enterprise wide GIS system also under state engineer development."

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