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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Stell DATE TYPED: 02/17/01 HB HJM 33
 SHORT TITLE: Cooperation in Development of Water Policies SB _____
 ANALYST: Dotson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	See Fiscal Impact				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Engineer, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and the Game and Fish Department.

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HJM 33 requests the Office of the State Engineer, the Interstate Stream Commission, the various irrigation and conservancy districts, acequias, municipalities, water utilities and other water interest groups cooperate in managing the water resources of the State of New Mexico.

Significant Issues

The need for cooperation and consensus from the many stakeholders in New Mexico's water issues is necessary. Creating and possible formalizing a consensus building environment would require significant participation by all stakeholders.

The benefit of cooperation and consensus to New Mexico's future direction and development would be significant.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Cooperation implies participation. Significant participation would affect the State Departments and Agencies participating by funneling resources away from current programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

If the participation of State Departments and Agencies became significant then additional FTEs may be required.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Is cooperation and consensus possible with all the various stakeholders?
2. In what ways could cooperation and consensus be developed?

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