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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING AN INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF USING THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
DRAINAGE DITCHES AS A MEANS OF STORM WATER CONVEYANCE IN THE
SOUTH VALLEY AREA OF BERNALILLO COUNTY.

     WHEREAS, the south valley area of Bernalillo county is
without substantive drainage infrastructure; and

     WHEREAS, the south valley area is in large part lower than
the Rio Grande, preventing storm water runoff into the river;
and

     WHEREAS, to drain the south valley floor will require new
drainage infrastructure throughout the south valley; and

     WHEREAS, to drain the south valley floor will also require
the use of existing drainage ways for any large-scale drainage
system so as to not be cost prohibitive;

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1   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

2   STATE OF NEW MEXICO that a new or existing interim legislative

3   committee be directed to study the feasibility of using the

4   middle Rio Grande conservancy district drainage ditches as the

5   means of storm water conveyance in the south valley area in

6   Bernalillo county; and

7   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee, as part of the

8   feasibility study, seek to maximize benefits to the public and

9   affected agencies by:

10   A.   addressing rights-of-way needs assessments;

11   B.   addressing necessary easement agreements;

12   C.   proposing memorandums of understanding;

13   D.   reviewing and recommending revisions to existing

14   plans and policies; and

15   E.   reviewing and recommending revisions to the

16   existing operation and maintenance of drainage facilities; and

17   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

18   transmitted to the middle Rio Grande conservancy district in

19   Bernalillo county and the New Mexico legislative council.

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