

A MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING STUDIES AND FUNDING NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE
PURPOSES OF THE 2004 ARIZONA WATER SETTLEMENTS ACT.

WHEREAS, the United States congress has passed and the
president of the United States has signed the 2004 Arizona
Water Settlements Act; and

WHEREAS, ecological studies are required by the 2004
Arizona Water Settlements Act to determine the impacts of
conservation actions or water withdrawals; and

WHEREAS, three workshops of a multi-stakeholder group
from the four-county region of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo and Luna
counties, environmental organizations and state and federal
agencies developed a statement supporting conducting the
necessary studies; and

WHEREAS, the Gila-San Francisco water commission, which
consists of all of the political subdivisions in the four-
county region except for Silver City, voted unanimously on
December 18, 2007 to support needed studies and funding from
the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it support
developing a plan to implement the 2004 Arizona Water
Settlements Act in a cost-effective manner to balance
historical and future water demands against an uncertain water

supply while protecting the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor and the chair of the interstate stream commission.