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HOUSE BILL 127

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE NEW MEXICO UNIT FUND TO THE  
INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION FOR WATER PROJECTS IN SOUTHWEST  
NEW MEXICO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--**

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
New Mexico unit fund to the interstate stream commission for  
expenditure in fiscal years 2019 through 2023 for the following  
purposes:

(1) twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to  
fully implement the regional water project providing bulk water  
supplies to the communities of Hurley, Bayard, Santa Clara,  
Silver City and intervening public drinking water systems;

(2) thirty-four million dollars (\$34,000,000)

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1 to construct water trust board-approved water supply projects  
2 in the southwest New Mexico regional water planning area that  
3 meet a water supply demand and are included in the approved  
4 2017 infrastructure capital improvements plans;

5 (3) three million five hundred thousand  
6 dollars (\$3,500,000) to contract with the bureau of geology and  
7 mineral resources at the New Mexico institute of mining and  
8 technology to collect new ground water and geologic data to  
9 increase understanding of the hydrogeologic framework and  
10 ground water quality and improve ground water flow models of  
11 the Mimbres basin aquifer system, which will provide a  
12 scientific basis to increase the resilience of public water  
13 supplies from that aquifer system; and

14 (4) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)  
15 to evaluate and plan alternatives for the city of Deming for a  
16 remote well field in a comparatively stable area of the Mimbres  
17 basin aquifer, based on the work produced by the bureau of  
18 geology and mineral resources pursuant to the appropriation  
19 made in Paragraph (3) of this subsection.

20 B. All New Mexico unit fund payments for water  
21 supply infrastructure projects in southwest New Mexico shall  
22 require at least ten percent, but no more than twenty percent,  
23 in matching funds provided by the local project sponsor.

24 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
25 from projects funded in Subsection A of this section at the end

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1 of fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the New Mexico unit fund.

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