

SENATE BILL 493

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AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER FOR BRACKISH WATER SFC→REUSE←SFC SFC→USE←SFC EXPLORATION, TREATMENT AND AQUIFER SFC→RECHARGE←SFC SFC→CHARACTERIZATION FOR←SFC WATER PROJECTS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY FOR WATER DESALINATION PROJECTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO PROMULGATE RULES FOR  
SFC→~~APPROPRIATE MINERAL LEVELS IN THE WATER OF~~←SFC SFC→**USE OF**  
**NATURALLY OCCURRING BRACKISH WATER FOR**←SFC WATER PROJECTS AND  
CONDUCT ACTIVITIES TO ADVANCE SFC→**BRACKISH**←SFC WATER  
SFC→**REUSE**←SFC SFC→**USE**←SFC .

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

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISIONS--PROJECTS RULES.--The  
department of environment shall by December 31,  
SFC→~~SCONG~~→~~2023~~←~~SCONG~~ ~~SCONG~~→~~2024~~←~~SCONG~~←SFC  
SFC→~~SFC~~→~~2023~~←~~SFC~~←SFC SFC→**2026**←SFC promulgate rules for the  
SFC→~~appropriate mineral levels for water in~~←SFC SFC→**use of**  
**naturally occurring brackish water for**←SFC the water projects  
specified in Sections 2 and 3 of this act.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Fifty million dollars  
(\$50,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
office of the state engineer for expenditure in fiscal years  
2024 through 2028 for planning, design, administration and  
matching federal and private funds for brackish water  
SFC→**reuse**←SFC SFC→**use**←SFC exploration, treatment and aquifer  
SIRC→**recharge**←SIRC SIRC→**characterization for**←SIRC water  
projects to benefit the lower Rio Grande, middle Rio Grande,  
Permian basin and northwest quadrant of the state. Any  
unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.

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**SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.**--Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of the New Mexico institute of mining and technology for expenditure in fiscal years 2024 through 2028 for innovation, research, monitoring, support and development of technology associated with the water projects in Section 2 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.

**SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.**--Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal years 2024 through 2028 for the innovation, research, monitoring, support and development of technology associated with the water projects in Section 2 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.

**SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.**--Five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of environment for expenditure in fiscal years 2024 through 2028 for the promulgation of rules pursuant to Section 1 of this act and to conduct activities to advance SFC→brackish←SFC water SFC→reuse←SFC SFC→use←SFC . Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.

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