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44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

ACKNOWLEDGING THE INVOLVEMENT OF ACEQUIAS IN THE WATER HISTORY OF NEW MEXICO AND REQUESTING WATER-FOCUSED AGENCIES AND THE LEGISLATURE TO APPOINT ACEQUIA REPRESENTATIVES TO STUDY GROUPS AND TASK GROUPS CONSIDERING WATER ISSUES.

WHEREAS, water and its use, ownership, development and protection are of vital interest to all New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, acequias have naturally attended to issues of water and its protection throughout the state and its history; and

WHEREAS, acequias have contributed to New Mexico's agrarian and rural qualities of society and culture through their shared and established use of water facilities for agricultural purposes; and

WHEREAS, the enduring activities of acequias in the

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1 development, use and communal operation and administration of
2 water facilities to access entitled water rights should be
3 recognized and valued; and

4 WHEREAS, the lasting and established interests of
5 acequias in New Mexico should be included and considered in
6 discussions, studies and planning activities for water use and
7 ownership in the future;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that water-focused executive agencies and
10 the legislature be requested to appoint or include members of
11 acequias to any task group or study group established to
12 address water issues; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the governor, the state engineer, the
15 interstate stream commission, the energy, minerals and natural
16 resources department, the commissioner of public lands and the
17 New Mexico legislative council.

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,
11 to whom has been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

- 17 1. On page 2, line 16, after "lands" insert "environment
18 department, and department of game and fish,".
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Respectfully submitted,

Joe M Stell, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Varela

Absent: None

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