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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 37

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

INTRODUCED BY

Phillip A. Griego

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

WHEREAS, the lasting and established interests of acequias in New Mexico should be

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1 included and considered in discussions, studies and planning activities for water use and
2 ownership in the future;

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

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

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1 **FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

2 **FIRST SESSION, 1999**

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6 February 18, 1999

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your **RULES COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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12 **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 37**

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and

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16 hence referred to the **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**.

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23 **Gloria Howes, Co-Chair**
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano

Absent: None

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FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION, 1999

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February 25, 1999

Mr. President:

Your **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**,

amended as follows:

- 1. On page 2, line 16, after "lands" insert ", the department of environment, the department of game and fish".

Respectfully submitted,

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Fernando R. Macias, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

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Excused: Eisenstadt, Lyons, Payne, Sanchez

Absent: None

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FIRST SESSION, 1999

March 11, 1999

Mr. Speaker:

Your **AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES**
COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 37, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joe M Stell, Chairman

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10 The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

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Excused: Varela, Wright

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Absent: None

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