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REQUESTING THE STATE ENGINEER TO PROHIBIT WATER RIGHTS
TRANSFERS ACROSS THE OTOWI GAGE.

WHEREAS, acequias in northern New Mexico seek limitations on transfers of water rights out of the acequia systems in order to preserve and protect acequia culture and communities; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's annual obligation under the Rio Grande Compact to deliver water below Elephant Butte dam is based on the flow at the Otowi stream gage near Pojoaque; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's delivery obligations generally increase if water rights are transferred from above the Otowi gage to below the gage; and

WHEREAS, many acequias are located above the Otowi gage; and

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