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45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CONSIDER
FEDERAL FINANCING OF A RESERVOIR IN THE EL RITO AREA.**

**WHEREAS, precipitation during the winter months in
northern New Mexico flows into rivers and streams before
farmers can effectively divert the runoff to be used to grow
crops; and**

**WHEREAS, irrigation in the El Rito area is dependent on
surface water, and reservoirs offer the potential for
conserving surface water for later use during the irrigation
season; and**

**WHEREAS, most of the land that discharges surface water
that flows near El Rito is federally owned land;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the**

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1 congressional delegation be requested to consider federal
2 financing of a reservoir in the El Rito area to supply farmers
3 on the acequia with irrigation water that otherwise drains
4 into the El Rito river, the Rio Chama and the Rio Grande and
5 is unavailable for local farmers; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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