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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXTREME DROUGHT AND WET WATER USAGE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has been in an extreme long-term  
drought;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council  
be requested to appoint a subcommittee on extreme drought and  
wet water usage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee be  
requested to meet at least three times for two days each in  
Socorro, Elephant Butte and Las Cruces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee invite  
input and assistance from the Elephant Butte irrigation  
district, the water resources research institute at  
New Mexico state university, the New Mexico department of  
agriculture, the interstate stream commission, the office of  
the state engineer and other sources of expertise on the  
drought; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee consider  
options for recommended actions by the state, including  
augmentation and conservation of water supplies, construction  
of water storage infrastructure, development of drought  
management plans, support for development of improved drought

1 management analysis tools, changes to the tax code to improve  
2 drought management decision-making and assistance to  
3 agricultural producers for feed augmentation during droughts;  
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
7 council.

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