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HOUSE MEMORIAL 96

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO EXPLORE  
VARIOUS OPTIONS TO ACQUIRE AND DELIVER WATER TO THE REGION.

WHEREAS, the city of Rio Rancho and other communities in  
the middle Rio Grande region are important economic centers for  
the region and the state; and

WHEREAS, a secure long-term physical water supply is  
essential to ensure the economic vitality of the region and the  
state; and

WHEREAS, Rio Rancho's and the middle Rio Grande region's  
population continues to grow, and the demand for water  
continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, demand for water in the state is exceeding the  
available supply, and New Mexicans must get serious at all  
levels of government to find solutions to predicted water

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1 shortages; and

2 WHEREAS, the middle Rio Grande region needs the vision and  
3 foresight to identify, explore and develop future sources of  
4 water;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the mid-region  
7 council of governments be requested to explore various options  
8 to develop additional water supplies to meet the future needs  
9 of the region, including consideration of hydrology, potential  
10 environmental impacts and the technology needed to deliver the  
11 water and ensure regional water delivery; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state engineer, the  
13 interstate stream commission and the department of environment  
14 be requested to assist in this investigation to meet water  
15 needs of the middle Rio Grande region and other communities  
16 along the Rio Grande corridor; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mid-region council of  
18 governments be requested to report its findings to the  
19 appropriate committees of the legislature and to interested  
20 stakeholders by December 2014; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the director of the mid-region council of  
23 governments, the mayor and city council of Rio Rancho, the  
24 mayor and city council of Albuquerque, the Bernalillo county  
25 commission, the Tarrant county commission, the Valencia county

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1 commission, the Sandoval county commission, the state engineer,  
2 the interstate stream commission and the secretary of  
3 environment.