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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 3/14/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SM 23 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales **Agency Name and Code Number:** Office of the State Engineer 550
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Short Title: Taos Water Impoundment Study **Phone:** 505-231-4459 : se.nm.gov

SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|---------------------------|---------------|
| FY25 | FY26 | | |
| None | None | | |
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(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

| Estimated Revenue | | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------|---------------|
| FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | | |
| None | None | None | | |
| | | | | |

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|--------------|------|-------|------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Total | None | \$250 | None | \$250 | Nonrecurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: None
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

This memorial would request the Office of the State Engineer to coordinate with state, local and tribal government agencies to study the benefits, costs, and feasibility of constructing a new earthen impoundment for water in Taos County for wildfire suppression and structure protection during wildfires, as well as the availability and cost of the water rights needed to fill such an impoundment with water. The memorial also requests that the OSE report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate interim committees that studies issues concerning water and natural resources.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The OSE estimates that the work involved in planning, executing, and presenting the study requested by the memorial would take the equivalent work of 2.0 FTEs for one year. Assuming direct and indirect costs of \$125,000/FTE, the OSE estimates that it would take approximately \$250,000 for the OSE to complete the study. Some or all of the work would likely be performed by contractors so as to prevent OSE staff from needing to be taken off their existing duties.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

There will not be a request for a study to analyze the possibility of constructing a new earthen impoundment for water in Taos County.

AMENDMENTS

None