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HOUSE BILL 418

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ACEQUIA PARCIANTE CLAIMS
PILOT PROJECT FOR WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Sixty thousand dollars
(\$60,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the local
government division of the department of finance and
administration for expenditure in fiscal year 2001 to
establish a pilot project for negotiating acequia parciante
errors and omissions claims in five water right adjudications
pending in the United States district court for the district
of New Mexico. The adjudications involve the Rio Santa Cruz,
Rio Truchas, Rio Chama, Rio Pueblo de Taos, Rio Hondo, Jemez
river and Red river. No part of the appropriation contained
in this section may be expended by community acequias or

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1 their members to retain attorneys to represent community
2 acequias or individual acequia members in any judicial
3 proceeding involving an individual member's water rights
4 claim. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
5 the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund.
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