

March13, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 10

The Honorable Ben Lujan and
Members of the House of Representatives
Executive-Legislative Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable Speaker and Members of the House:

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 156, as amended,
enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill changes the notice requirements with regard to permit applications for the acquisition of water rights. I have signed into law House Bill 833, which also changes these requirements by mandating that the State Engineer publish notice of such application in a newspaper that circulates in counties potentially affected by the proposed diversion of water. House Bill 833 will provide additional protection to communities' water rights without placing the heavy burden of a mailing requirement on applicants.

House Bill 156 directly conflicts with the provisions of House Bill 833 and could dissuade our citizens from seeking to put to efficient and beneficial use New Mexico's precious water resources.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson
Governor

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