

A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO
CONSIDER FEDERAL FINANCING OF A RESERVOIR IN THE EL RITO
AREA.**

**WHEREAS, precipitation during the winter months in
northern New Mexico flows into rivers and streams before
farmers can effectively divert the runoff to be used to grow
crops; and**

**WHEREAS, irrigation in the El Rito area is dependent on
surface water, and reservoirs offer the potential for
conserving surface water for later use during the irrigation
season; and**

**WHEREAS, most of the land that discharges surface water
that flows near El Rito is federally owned land;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
congressional delegation be requested to consider federal
financing of a reservoir in the El Rito area to supply
farmers on the acequia with irrigation water that otherwise
drains into the El Rito river, the Rio Chama and the Rio
Grande and is unavailable for local farmers; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation.**