

dicates that availability of water in Eastern New Mexico is influenced by well diversion in Texas over which we have little control. Texas water law allows pumping without regard to beneficial use as is required in New Mexico. The Department of Agriculture is concerned that if another water source is not developed for eastern New Mexico, agriculture production in the region will suffer.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The joint memorial has no direct fiscal implications; however, recommendations coming from the study may result in the need for additional state expenditures in the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

State agencies participating in the review will need to allocate needed personal and other resources to do a thorough review.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The memorial does not state when a final report is to be provided to the Legislature by the appointed interim committee.

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