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## 46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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## A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE SAN JUAN-CHAMA PROJECT, WATER CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ESPANOLA, THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SANTA FE
AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BE CHANGED TO
A REPAYMENT, PERPETUAL, AGREEMENT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF
ADDRESSING A MULTICOUNTY REGION INCLUDING SAN JUAN, TAOS, RIO
ARRIBA, SANTA FE, SANDOVAL, BERNALILLO AND VALENCIA COUNTIES AS
WELL AS TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER ENTITIES.

WHEREAS, by the act of congress approved June 13, 1962 (76 Stat. 96), congress approved the initial stage of the San Juan-Chama project, Colorado-New Mexico as a participating project of the Colorado river storage project; and

WHEREAS, the San Juan-Chama project provides water to the multicounty region including San Juan, Taos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia counties as well as .150680.2

tribal governments, municipalities and other entities; and

WHEREAS, the San Juan-Chama project is approved for furnishing water throughout the multicounty region for municipal, domestic and industrial uses and other beneficial purposes; and

WHEREAS, the city of Espanola, located in Rio Arriba and Santa Fe counties, and the United States department of the interior entered into an agreement date February 16, 1978 whereby the city was allocated one thousand acre-feet per year of water from the San Juan-Chama project; and

WHEREAS, the city and county of Santa Fe and the United States department of the interior entered into an agreement dated November 23, 1976 whereby the city and county were allocated five thousand six hundred five acre-feet of water from the San Juan-Chama project; and

WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and the city and county of Santa Fe have utilized the project water to offset excess water usage from its municipal wells and intends to construct a water filtration facility utilizing project water; and

WHEREAS, the agreement between the city of Espanola and the United States department of the interior is due to expire on December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the agreement between the city and county of Santa Fe and the United States department of the interior is due to expire on December 31, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, other San Juan-Chama contractors, including the city of Albuquerque, the middle Rio Grande conservancy district, the Pojoaque valley irrigation district, the town of Bernalillo, the city of Belen and the town of Red River, all have repayment, perpetual, agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the Cochiti reservoir recreational pool have agreements that can only be terminated by an act of congress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it support, consistent with other regional agreements, the city of Espanola and the city and county of Santa Fe in their efforts to have their agreements between the cities and counties and the United States department of the interior for San Juan-Chama project water allotment transformed from a water service agreement to a repayment, perpetual, agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be delivered to the secretary of the United States department of the interior and to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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