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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 34**

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION TO BEGIN PLANNING  
TO REALIZE THE FULL BENEFITS THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO RECEIVED  
IN THE ARIZONA WATER SETTLEMENTS ACT.**

**WHEREAS, water is a vital resource of New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, the Gila and San Francisco rivers are currently  
not dammed in New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, the San Francisco and Gila rivers have ecological  
and economic value in their current free-flowing condition; and**

**WHEREAS, the interstate stream commission is responsible  
by state law for water planning; and**

**WHEREAS, the policy of the interstate stream commission  
recognizes the unique and valuable ecology of the Gila basin;  
and**

**WHEREAS, it is the policy of the interstate stream**

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1 commission to apply the best available science to fully assess  
2 and mitigate the ecological impacts on southwest New Mexico,  
3 the Gila river, its tributaries and associated riparian  
4 corridors; and

5 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the interstate stream  
6 commission to consider the historic uses of and future  
7 demands for water in the basin and the traditions, cultures and  
8 customs affecting those uses; and

9 WHEREAS, the Arizona Water Settlements Act provides New  
10 Mexico with one hundred forty thousand acre-feet of Gila basin  
11 water in any ten years; and

12 WHEREAS, the Arizona Water Settlements Act provides New  
13 Mexico with up to one hundred twenty-eight million dollars  
14 (\$128,000,000) to be expended in the southwest planning region  
15 to meet water supply demand; and

16 WHEREAS, regional and local water planning have identified  
17 shortfalls of water for the southwest region of New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, the Arizona Water Settlements Act is a complex  
19 settlement; and

20 WHEREAS, a planning process to realize the full benefits  
21 of the Arizona Water Settlements Act must include participation  
22 by all stakeholders in southwest New Mexico;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interstate stream commission be  
25 requested to employ a multi-stakeholder planning process to

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1 realize the full benefits of the Arizona Water Settlements Act;  
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interstate stream  
4 commission planning process include consideration of the  
5 ecological and economic value of the Gila and San Francisco  
6 rivers in their present free-flowing condition as well as the  
7 demands for water in the basin and the traditions, cultures and  
8 customs affecting those uses; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interstate stream  
10 commission annually report the progress of the planning process  
11 to the appropriate legislative committee; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the interstate stream commission.

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