

AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE WATER PROJECT FINANCE ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE WATER TRUST BOARD OF THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 72-4A-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 164, Section 4) is amended to read:

"72-4A-4. WATER TRUST BOARD CREATED.--

A. The "water trust board" is created. The board is composed of the following sixteen members:

- (1) the state engineer or the state engineer's designee;
- (2) the secretary of finance and administration or the secretary's designee;
- (3) the executive director of the New Mexico finance authority or the executive director's designee;
- (4) the secretary of environment or the secretary's designee;
- (5) the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources or the secretary's designee;
- (6) the director of the department of game and fish or the director's designee;
- (7) the director of the New Mexico

department of agriculture or the director's designee;

(8) the executive director of the New Mexico municipal league or the executive director's designee;

(9) the executive director of the New Mexico association of counties or the executive director's designee;

(10) five public members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate and who represent:

(a) the environmental community;

(b) an irrigation or conservancy district that uses surface water;

(c) an irrigation or conservancy district that uses ground water;

(d) acequia water users; and

(e) soil and water conservation districts;

(11) one public member appointed by the Indian affairs commission; and

(12) the president of the Navajo Nation or the president's designee.

B. The chair of the board shall be elected by a quorum of the board members. The board shall meet at the call of the chair or whenever three members submit a request in writing to the chair, but not less often than once each calendar year. A majority of members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The affirmative vote of at least

