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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Martinez, R. ORIGINAL DATE 2-8-2007 HM _____
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SHORT TITLE Acequia de Chamita on Historic Register SB 21
ANALYST Dearing

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$20.0				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HM14

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 21 requests the Department of Cultural Affairs include the Acequia de Chamita on the New Mexico Register of Cultural Properties in addition to recommending the Acequia de Chamita for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation associated with this memorial. The State Historic Preservation Officer at the Cultural Affairs department states that the research and preparation necessary for state and national register designation would incur an expense of at least \$20,000.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Historic Preservation division,

“Acequias are a time honored cultural element in New Mexico, and archaeologists have evidence that diversion irrigation was practiced by some New Mexico Indian communities before the

coming of the Spanish. The Acequia de Chamita is recognized as an early acequia and worthy of inclusion on the New Mexico Cultural Properties List and the National Register of Historic Places.

The Cultural Properties Act of 1978 created the Cultural Properties Review Committee (CPRC) as the policy making advisory body to the Historic Preservation Division of the Cultural Affairs Department on matters of cultural history and preservation. Members of the CPRC are appointed by the Governor based on their knowledge of New Mexico's cultural heritage. Under the Act, the CPRC lists in and keeps up to date the official register, composed of properties identified by the committee as having historical or other cultural significance and integrity, being suitable for preservation and having educational significance.

And according to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the CPRC recommends properties to the Keeper of the National Register for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

For properties to be listed successfully on both registers requires in-depth historic research and photographs augmented by oral histories and maps. A professional historian experienced in writing nominations will be needed to prepare these nominations.”

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

State and national register designations require that a professional historian research, conduct oral histories, photograph and produce the nomination. The research and preparation necessary for state and national register designation is estimated at \$20,000. The Historic Preservation division has stated that the work associated with this memorial will cause a budgetary hardship.

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