

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE STATE ENGINEER TO INVESTIGATE IMPAIRMENT OF
3 HISTORICAL WATER RIGHTS OF THE SPRING DITCH IN TAOS AND TAKE
4 ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION TO GUARANTEE DELIVERY OF WATER TO
5 DITCH PARCIANTES.

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7 WHEREAS, the town of Taos has approved developments that
8 have resulted in construction on the Spring ditch's water
9 source and the point of diversion, thereby impairing delivery
10 of water to rightful water rights owners and parciantes on
11 the Spring ditch; and

12 WHEREAS, the course of an ancient acequia has been
13 altered by the town of Taos; and

14 WHEREAS, permits have been issued allowing construction
15 on lateral ditches;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state engineer be requested to
18 investigate impairment of historical water rights of the
19 Spring ditch by the town of Taos and take any appropriate
20 action to guarantee delivery of water to ditch parciantes;
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state engineer report to
23 the appropriate committee of the legislature by August 1,
24 2008 the results of the investigation and actions taken to
25 remedy the impairment; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the state engineer. _____