

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 33

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF SANTA FE GIVE PRIORITY TO THE
RELEASE OF SUFFICIENT RECLAIMED WATER TO DOWNSTREAM USERS IN
THE VILLAGES OF LA CIENEGUILLA, LA CIENEGA AND LA BAJADA AND
THE PUEBLO OF COCHITI TO SUSTAIN HISTORIC AGRICULTURAL
TRADITIONS.

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe has an ongoing process for
allocating reclaimed water produced by the city's wastewater
treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the legislature is aware of the many demands for
the city's reclaimed water and the city's position that the
reclaimed water is a resource that is controlled by the city;
and

WHEREAS, the city's decisions regarding water over the
last several decades have had a significant impact on water

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1 resources in the lower Santa Fe river watershed; and

2 WHEREAS, the legislature has encouraged the city of Santa
3 Fe to recognize its unique capacity for participation in the
4 protection and preservation of this vital water course; and

5 WHEREAS, the legislature acknowledges and supports the
6 efforts of the Santa Fe river traditional communities
7 collaborative in the collaborative's attempt to address the
8 many issues that affect the flow of the Santa Fe river; and

9 WHEREAS, nonmember governmental agency representatives
10 that attend Santa Fe river traditional communities
11 collaborative meetings in advisory capacities and provide
12 technical support and guidance include representatives from the
13 United States forest service, the federal bureau of land
14 management, the department of game and fish, the office of the
15 state engineer, the city of Santa Fe, Santa Fe county and the
16 Santa Fe-Pojoaque soil and water conservation district; and

17 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe county board of county
18 commissioners, through county resolution number 2011-101, and
19 the legislature, through House Memorial 74 of the second
20 session of the fiftieth legislature in 2012, have formally
21 recognized the problems with the lack of water flow during the
22 growing season to traditional farms and ranches in the lower
23 Santa Fe river watershed; and

24 WHEREAS, in times of drought, communities must work
25 together to address water shortages in a manner that is

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1 beneficial to all parties;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the city of Santa Fe be requested to
4 give priority to the release of sufficient reclaimed water
5 during the growing season to the downstream users of the
6 villages of La Cieneguilla, La Cienega and La Bajada and the
7 Pueblo of Cochiti to sustain historic agricultural traditions;
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city of Santa Fe and Santa
10 Fe county be encouraged to continue to work with the Santa Fe
11 river traditional communities collaborative to address the
12 problems associated with the lack of water flow in the lower
13 Santa Fe watershed; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the members of the Santa Fe city council and the
16 Santa Fe county board of county commissioners.