

1 SENATE BILL 205

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION OF THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR RIO ARRIBA COUNTY
13 TO ACQUIRE WATER RIGHTS.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand dollars
17 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the local
18 government division of the department of finance and
19 administration for expenditure in fiscal year 2015 and
20 subsequent fiscal years to acquire surface and ground water
21 rights for Rio Arriba county to maintain operations at thirty-
22 eight mutual domestic water consumer associations; support the
23 water requirement to sustain infrastructure, including
24 agriculture, fire, clinics, senior centers and recreation;
25 support the needs of economic enhancement; and provide in-kind

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1 support to one hundred seventy-three acequia associations to
2 meet New Mexico filing and auditing requirements and protect
3 water rights, if needed. Any unexpended or unencumbered
4 balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert
5 to the general fund.

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