HOUSE BILL 417

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE NEW MEXICO UNIT FUND TO THE INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION FOR WATER PROJECTS IN SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the New Mexico unit fund to the interstate stream commission for expenditure in fiscal years 2020 through 2024 for the following purposes:

(1) twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to fully implement the Grant county regional water supply project providing bulk drinking water supplies to the communities of Hurley, North Hurley, Hanover, Bayard, Santa Clara, Silver City and intervening public drinking water systems;

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- (2) thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to implement water utilization projects in the southwest New Mexico water planning region that meet a water supply demand and comply with water trust board criteria for state funding and that are included in the approved infrastructure capital improvements plans for fiscal years 2020 through 2024; and
- twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to implement water utilization projects that will provide a new source of drinking water not derived from the Gila river for the city of Deming or other public water supply systems in Luna county.
- All New Mexico unit fund payments for water supply infrastructure projects in southwest New Mexico shall require at least ten percent, but no more than twenty percent, in matching funds provided by the local project sponsor.
- Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining from projects funded in Subsection A of this section at the end of fiscal year 2024 shall revert to the New Mexico unit fund.