



**Statement by the New Mexico State Engineer
in support of H.R. 3292 to amend the Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act
House Natural Resources Committee-Subcommittee on Water Oceans and Wildlife
June 26, 2019 – 2:00 p.m. – Longworth House Office Building**

The State of New Mexico, through its State Engineer, John R. D’Antonio Jr., P.E., submits this statement in support of H.R. 3292 to amend the 2010 Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act (Public Law 111-291; 124 Stat. 3134) (“Settlement Act”).

The State of New Mexico supports the legislation introduced by New Mexico Reps. Ben Ray Luján, Deb Haaland, and Xochitl Torres Small to provide additional funding and extend the timeline for construction of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System, a cornerstone of the Aamodt Settlement Agreement, which resolved the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque and San Ildefonso and brought finality to one of the oldest adjudications in the state of New Mexico.

State Engineer John R. D’Antonio Jr., P.E. appreciates the ongoing efforts of New Mexico’s Congressional delegation to partner with the state and local parties to implement the settlement, and the commitment to raise the cost ceiling in the existing legislation to construct the Regional Water System. The legislation demonstrates the federal government’s commitment to provide its appropriate share of the costs for construction of the Regional Water System, a rural infrastructure project that will provide a reliable supply of potable water to both Pueblo and non-Pueblo residents in the Pojoaque Valley.

In particular, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham extends her thanks to our Congressional partners for introducing this important legislation. “The state, the federal government and local entities are all in this together, and only by continuing to work together will we ensure the best possible result for the residents of the Pojoaque Valley.”

Respectfully submitted, June 26, 2019

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