

1 SENATE BILL 493

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO WATER; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE
12 STATE ENGINEER FOR BRACKISH WATER REUSE EXPLORATION, TREATMENT
13 AND AQUIFER RECHARGE WATER PROJECTS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO
14 THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND
15 TECHNOLOGY AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE
16 UNIVERSITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY FOR WATER
17 DESALINATION PROJECTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO PROMULGATE RULES FOR APPROPRIATE
19 MINERAL LEVELS IN THE WATER OF WATER PROJECTS AND CONDUCT
20 ACTIVITIES TO ADVANCE WATER REUSE.

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

23 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISIONS--PROJECTS RULES.--The
24 department of environment shall by December 31, 2023 promulgate
25 rules for the appropriate mineral levels for water in the water
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1 projects specified in Sections 2 and 3 of this act.

2 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Fifty million dollars
3 (\$50,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
4 office of the state engineer for expenditure in fiscal years
5 2024 through 2028 for planning, design, administration and
6 matching federal and private funds for brackish water reuse
7 exploration, treatment and aquifer recharge water projects to
8 benefit the lower Rio Grande, middle Rio Grande, Permian basin
9 and northwest quadrant of the state. Any unexpended or
10 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028
11 shall revert to the general fund.

12 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.**--Two million five hundred
13 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) is appropriated from the general
14 fund to the board of regents of the New Mexico institute of
15 mining and technology for expenditure in fiscal years 2024
16 through 2028 for innovation, research, monitoring, support and
17 development of technology associated with the water projects in
18 Section 2 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
19 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the
20 general fund.

21 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.**--Two million five hundred
22 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) is appropriated from the general
23 fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for
24 expenditure in fiscal years 2024 through 2028 for the
25 innovation, research, monitoring, support and development of

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1 technology associated with the water projects in Section 2 of
2 this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
3 the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.

4 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.--Five million five hundred
5 thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) is appropriated from the general
6 fund to the department of environment for expenditure in fiscal
7 years 2024 through 2028 for the promulgation of rules pursuant
8 to Section 1 of this act and to conduct activities to advance
9 water reuse. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
10 at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general
11 fund.