

72-14-43. Legislative findings; state appropriation of unappropriated water.

Based upon the findings and recommendations of the report from New Mexico state university and the university of New Mexico on state appropriation of unappropriated water, the legislature finds that:

- A. the future water needs of New Mexico can best be met by allowing each region of the state to plan for its water future;
- B. the state can assist the regions in planning future water use by implementing a state appropriation program to ensure an adequate supply of water for each region, as reflected in each region's water use plan; and
- C. the interstate stream commission is the appropriate agency to implement such a program.