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Key Proposal to Develop a New NM Water Source Generates Interest from Legislative Panel, State Water Experts

*Augustin Plains Ranch Water Project Holds Tremendous Potential to
Supply Middle Rio Grande Valley With Abundant Water for Centuries to
Come*

LAS CRUCES, NM — In response to a positive hearing with the New Mexico State Drought Sub-Committee in Las Cruces in October, Augustin Plains Ranch Project Director Michel Jichlinski released the following statement:

“We are very encouraged to hear that key leaders in the Legislature and in other areas of water law and policy in New Mexico view our proposal as viable, deserving of further investigation, and in need of an active role by the State. This is New Mexico’s water, and we believe that it is in the State’s best interest for it to be involved in determining where the water goes and how it will be used. This meeting was a very positive, forward step. We continue to encourage the local communities of Catron and Socorro counties to work with us and with the State as we investigate the tremendous potential of this project as it could provide a sustainable source of water for so many New Mexicans for centuries to come.”

The contents of Michel Jichlinski’s presentation can be read on the committee’s website at
http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/committee_handout_list.aspx?CommitteeCode=DROS&Date=10/14/2013

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