

- 2) The offer must be accepted by Texas in writing and Texas must provide New Mexico written concurrence from the Bureau of Reclamation.

If accepted, this offer would raise EBID's allocation of water to its farmers to about two-thirds of a foot per acre and would preserve New Mexico's Compact credit such that New Mexico's future Compact compliance would not be jeopardized. Moreover, if this offer is accepted, it is my intent to meet with Rio Grande Basin stakeholders to describe the loan. I would be pleased if you would join me in one or more of those meetings.

I look forward to your response and to continuing our efforts to resolve the major disparity in allocation this year between the two Project irrigation districts. Should you have any questions on this matter, please call me at (505) 827-6091, or Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, the Rio Grande Compact Engineer Adviser for New Mexico at (505) 827-6160.

Sincerely,



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New Mexico Commissioner

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