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Your draft says the rule won't affect any "property rights" as to water. Please do not call NM water rights "property" rights! They are rights to use or interests in water. Per the constitution, the State owns all water. Period. When regs are not precise with this language it causes NM water right holders such a headache because Texas and Arizona people think they can OWN New Mexico's water and they can't. But the out-of-staters rely on imprecise language, like you have proposed, to confuse our district courts. Please make a small revision to say it will not affect anyone's "right to use or interest in water" and delete the reference to property!