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**'Long shots' often solutions**

KUDOS TO John Fleck and the Journal for continuing to cover New Mexico's dire water situation and for reminding the public that while some potential solutions may seem like "long shots," they do, in fact, exist.

At one point, the San Juan Chama River project fell in to this category as well, but now that "long shot" is a reality upon which so many New Mexico water users depend. We were pleased to see in Fleck's article that the proposed Augustin Plains Ranch Project was worthy of consideration as another potential solution.

We feel the public needs to be aware that before this project can ever be approved, its merits and impacts will be studied in depth through a transparent and rigorous process. That process can begin once the state allows the hearing on the project's application to move forward.

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