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Governor Bill Richardson mourns loss of former Zia Pueblo Governor

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson issued the following statement today mourning the loss of former Zia Pueblo Governor William Toribio. Governor Richardson appointed Toribio to serve as the Native American liaison in the State Engineer's Office. Toribio was active in putting together the comprehensive Statewide Water Plan.

"On behalf of the state of New Mexico, I send my sincere condolences to the family of William Toribio. He was a true leader with a strong commitment to native people," Governor Bill Richardson said.

"William's wisdom and experience, and his soft-spoken style of bringing people together left an indelible mark on New Mexico. He had a gift for patience and understanding when dealing with the tough, complex issues of water in New Mexico. His loss is felt amongst those of us who had the privilege of serving with him this past year."