



VALENCIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION No 2018 - 43

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE BELEN, NEW MEXICO AREA WITHIN VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO TO INCLUDE THE UNINCORPORATED PORTION OF VALENCIA COUNTY AS A RESULT OF A BREACH OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT HIGHLINE IRRIGATION CANAL AND AREAS THAT WERE AFFECTED BY FLOODING FROM RAINS.

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2018, Valencia County received an unexpended and overwhelming amount of rain and high winds at approximately 5:30 p.m. and,

WHEREAS, areas within the unincorporated portions of Valencia County did have flooding and damage to both public and private properties

WHEREAS, a breach occurred in the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Highline Irrigation Canal within the City of Belen; causing flooding within the City of Belen, and

WHEREAS, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Highline Irrigation Canal runs north to south and is located just west of Interstate 25 and is a source of water for the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge; and

WHEREAS, the breach to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Highline Irrigation Canal between West Hansen Avenue and Didier Avenue has resulted in major flooding within the southern and western portions of the City of Belen; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Belen met in an emergency meeting and declared an emergency with Resolution Number 2018-15; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE GOVERNING BODY HEREBY DECLARES AN EMERGENCY WITHIN VALENCIA COUNTY TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF BELEN TO BE A DISASTER THAT WILL REQUIRE OTHER LOCAL AND STATE RESOURCES:

By virtue of the power provided in the New Mexico Civil Emergency Preparedness Act (NMSA 1978, 12-10-01 to -10), The County of Valencia declares that the County is under a state of disaster for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available local resources and for requesting aid, assistance, relief, and funding from the State of New Mexico to mitigate the effects of the disaster.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 11th day of July, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Jhonathan Aragon
Chair, District V

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Helen Y. Cole
Commissioner, District I

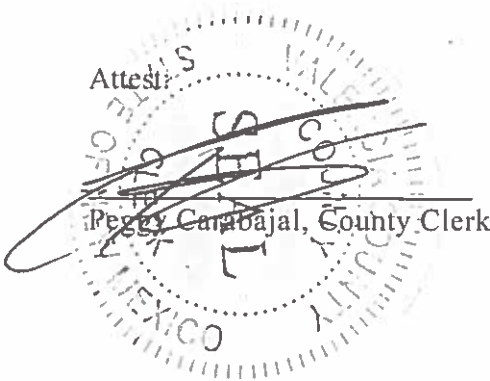


David Carlberg
Commissioner, District II



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Attest:



Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk