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## **EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

### **DECLARING SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO TO BE AN EMERGENCY AREA AS A RESULT OF EXCEPTIONAL DROUGHT**

**WHEREAS**, since 2000, the Colorado River Basin (which includes San Juan County) has been experiencing a historic, extended drought that has impacted regional water supply and other resources, according to the U.S. Department of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, San Juan County is shown to be in D4-Exceptional Drought as of June 2, 2021 according to the U.S. Drought Monitor; a map published by the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that shows the location and intensity of drought conditions in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the category of D4- Exceptional Drought is characterized by exceptional and widespread crop / pasture losses and shortages of water creating water emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued Executive Order 2020-084 on December 9, 2020, declaring a state of emergency in New Mexico due to drought conditions statewide, and said Order remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture on March 11, 2021 declared a drought disaster in fourteen New Mexico counties, including San Juan County, making farmers in the affected counties eligible for emergency loans; and

**WHEREAS**, the exceptional drought conditions in San Juan County are expected to continue into the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, NMSA, Sections 12-10-01 to 12-10-10, gives the governing bodies of local political subdivisions in the State the power to establish local offices of Emergency Management to perform emergency management functions within the political subdivision in which it is organized; and

**WHEREAS**, San Juan County has created the Office of Emergency Management, which is responsible for the organization, administration, and operation of the civil emergency management program for the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Juan County Office of Emergency Management is coordinating resources across local and state government to support the County and local and municipal officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and business and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the drought.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the San Juan County Board of County Commissioners, by virtue of the authority provided by local ordinances and by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978, 12-10-01 to 12-10-10), we do hereby declare San Juan County to be an emergency area as a result of exceptional drought for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources and requesting aid, assistance, relief programs, and funds available from the State of New Mexico and the Federal government. This Declaration shall continue until terminated by the Board of County Commissioners.

Executed this 15th day of June 2021.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: John Beckstead, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

Tanya Shelby, County Clerk

Mike Stark, County Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
SAN JUAN COUNTY ATTORNEY

By:

*Robert P. Sams*