



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2008-050

DECLARING A DISASTER IN COLFAX COUNTY DUE TO FLASH FLOODING

WHEREAS, the County of Colfax has been impacted by flash flooding in and around the Village of Cimarron, commencing on or about August 29, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Village of Cimarron has issued a Disaster Resolution stating that they have taken all actions within their power to limit the extent of damage and provide for public health and safety, and are requesting assistance from the state;

WHEREAS, the Village of Cimarron has requested the state to provide them and any other eligible recipients within their jurisdictions whatever disaster assistance funding and technical expertise may be available;

WHEREAS, this disaster requires emergency action to protect the peace, health, and safety and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, this disaster is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requires the resources of the State to avoid or minimize economic or physical harm and to take action necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby declare a state of Disaster to exist in the County of Colfax due to the effects of flash flooding.

I DIRECT the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in accordance with NMSA 1978, §§ 12-11-23 through 12-11-25. The funds shall be expended for actions taken to avoid and minimize economic or physical harm and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and shall be paid out only in an amount specified by warrants drawn by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration upon vouchers approved by the Governor or the Governor's designee.

I FURTHER DIRECT the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor and his Authorized Representative and to request such aid and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as may be appropriate.

I FURTHER DIRECT the Adjutant General to order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard as are or may be needed to provide military support to civil authorities as needed for this emergency. This action is pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, §§ 20-1-1 through 20-1-8, NMSA 1978, §§ 20-2-1 through 20-2-8, and NMSA 1978, §§ 20-4-1 through 20-4-14. Such emergency assistance shall be provided during the period of need at the discretion of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

I FURTHER DIRECT all Cabinet Departments and agencies of the State of New Mexico to provide any assistance that may be required by the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or by the State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:


MARY HERRERA
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO


BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

