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Governor Bill Richardson Sends Team to Look at Mora County Finances

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today directed James Jimenez, Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, to send a team of local-government experts to assess the financial health of Mora County.

“I want our experts to work with local officials to ensure that Mora County has the proper resources and expertise to keep county government running in a fiscally responsible way,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “I am concerned about reports that the county is once again experiencing budget problems that could result in salary cuts and fewer services for the citizens of Mora County.”

Secretary Jimenez appointed DFA Deputy Secretary Rick Martinez to lead the team of experts who will work with Mora County to assess the financial problems. David Ruiz, Director of DFA’s Local Government Division and the former Gallup city manager, will also work serve on the team.

“I want to work cooperatively with Mora County officials to get a handle on this situation,” Jimenez said. “We have a lot of local-government expertise that can be useful to the county.”

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