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Governor Richardson Approves Additional Funding for Flooding in Otero County

(Santa Fe, NM) Governor Bill Richardson has signed an Executive Order approving additional funding for help with flood clean up in Otero County. This order frees up to an additional \$750,000 to be available for eligible applicants and projects in Otero County associated with flood damage from the devastating flood of June 22, 2006. To date, the damage estimates have exceeded \$1.1 million.

“This action will free up necessary funding to help the people of Alamogordo and Otero County rebuild as quickly as possible,” said Governor Richardson.

The disaster declaration extension makes Otero County eligible for reimbursement, at a 75%- 25% state-local split, for expenses such as overtime for public safety personnel, road, water line, and sewer repairs, and other public assistance needs created by the storm. The money comes from the state disaster relief fund. Governor Richardson’s executive order will direct the Department of Public Safety’s Office of Emergency Management to coordinate the assistance.

The text of the Executive Order follows:

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-063

**APPROVING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-033,
DECLARING A DISASTER IN THE COUNTY OF OTERO AND THE CITY OF
ALAMOGORDO FOR FLOOD DAMAGE RESULTING FROM SEVERE
WEATHER**

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 2006-033 I declared a disaster as a result of severe weather and flooding on June 26, 2006, in Otero County;

WHEREAS, all available local and state resources, including the funding allocated in Executive Order 2006-033, may be insufficient to prevent damage from the results of these storms, which pose a significant threat to the health and safety of the citizens of, and visitors to the area, as well as to the economic base of the affected communities;

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;

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 issue this Executive Order to provide additional funding for the disaster originally declared under Executive Order 2006-033.

I FURTHER DIRECT the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency financial resources in the amount of \$750,000 to the Department of Public Safety. The funds shall be for the purpose of protecting lives or public property, or for any other action necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The Office of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety is directed to coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor or his Authorized Representative pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 12-11-14 and 12-11-25, NMSA 1978 and to request such aid and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as may be appropriate.

I FURTHER DIRECT all Cabinet Departments and agencies of the State of New Mexico to provide any assistance that may be requested by the Office of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety or 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:
THIS**

**REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SEAL
SECRETARY OF STATE**

**BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR**

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006

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