



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-148

DECLARING EMERGENCY IN MORA COUNTY DUE TO SEVERE WINTER WEATHER EVENT AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Mora County was severely impacted by a severe winter weather event that caused sustained winds of over eighty-eight miles per hour beginning the night of December 13, 2021, and lasting through December 17, 2021 according to the National Weather Service;

WHEREAS, the severe winds in Mora County caused major damage to the Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("MSMEC") infrastructure, including widespread structural damage resulting in the failure of power distribution lines and power handling equipment (poles);

WHEREAS, linemen were dispatched to numerous locations throughout Mora County in an effort to restore power to residents; upon approaching those areas, it was determined that extensive structural damage to distribution lines had occurred which contributed to the many outages throughout Mora County;

WHEREAS, a determination was made by Mora County and MSMEC to address the numerous outages throughout the County by first restoring those areas where it was safe to do so, and then develop a plan of action to rebuild portions of the distribution line where rebuilding would be necessary;

WHEREAS, this severe winter weather event prompted the County Commission of Mora County to issue a local Disaster Declaration;

WHEREAS, the damage from this severe winter weather event has resulted in undue

human suffering and hardship and threatens the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Mora County;

WHEREAS, the local disaster declaration issued by Mora County infers that all local resources available have been insufficient to cope with the resulting situation and therefore Mora County requests aid, assistance, relief programs, and funding from the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, Mora County has confirmed this disaster is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requires the resources of the State of New Mexico to minimize economic or physical harm and to take actions necessary to protect the public peace, health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to release emergency funds at this time to assist with rebuilding the portions of the distribution line and other necessary repairs according to the plan of action developed and now finalized by Mora County and MSMEC.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby **DECLARE** a state of emergency to exist in Mora County, due to the extensive power outage resulting from the severe winter weather event that began the night of December 13, 2021, through December 17, 2021, and **ORDER** and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. The Department of Finance and Administration shall make available emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 to -25, and NMSA 1978, Sections 12-10-14 to -15. The funds shall be expended for the resources and services necessary to avoid or minimize economic or physical harm until the situation becomes stabilized; on a temporary, emergency basis for lodging, sheltering, health care,

food, any transportation or shipping necessary to protect lives or public property; or for any other action necessary to protect the public health, safety, welfare, and property. The funds shall be expended in accordance with the policy and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, as approved by the Governor or the Governor's Authorized Representative.

2. The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor and her Authorized Representative. In addition to such other eligibility criteria as may be established by the Governor and her Authorized Representative, applicants requesting financial assistance from the State for necessary action taken in response to the emergency shall be required to demonstrate that the cost of the necessary action exceeds their available resources, as determined based upon criteria developed in conjunction with the State agencies (if any) with financial and budgetary oversight responsibilities for the applicant.

3. The Adjutant General shall 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, Sections 20-1-1 to -8, NMSA 1978, Sections 20-2-1 to -8, and NMSA 1978, Sections 20-4-1 to -14. Such emergency assistance shall be provided during the period of need at the discretion of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

4. All Cabinet Departments and agencies under gubernatorial control shall 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.

I FURTHER ORDER and DIRECT as follows:

1. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.

ATTEST:


MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2022

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


MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

