



**Rio Arriba  
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**RESOLUTION 2025-043**

**DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE VILLAGE OF CHAMA, NEW MEXICO**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Chama, New Mexico is located in northern Rio Arriba County; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic wells owned by the residents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets have gone dry and at least one of the wells has tested positive for E coli; and

**WHEREAS**, for these residents to receive water to their home, the Village of Chama will need to extend the main water line; and

**WHEREAS**, without the water line extension, the residents on 7<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets will be without water; and

**WHEREAS**, this local emergency constitutes a public health emergency to the residents of the Village of Chama, and the resulting damage is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requires the resources of the State to minimize economic and physical harm necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the people and property in the Village of Chama; and

**WHEREAS**, all locally available public and private resources available to mitigate and alleviate the effects of this disaster have been insufficient to meet the needs of the situation, make repairs, and protect the public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners therefore desires to declare the existence of an emergency in the Village of Chama, authorize the County Manager to take appropriate action in response to the emergency, and ratify action previously taken (to the extent necessary).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico as follows:

1. By virtue of the authority vested in the Board by the Laws of the State of New Mexico, and by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, Sections 12-10-1 to 12-10-10 NMSA 1978, the Board does hereby declare the incorporated village of Chama, New Mexico in Rio Arriba County to be under a state of emergency and to be an

emergency/disaster area as a result of the failure of the domestic wells serving a significant number of Village residents.

2. The purpose of this declaration is to authorize the exercise of necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, as well as the requesting and accepting of aid, assistance, relief programs, and funding that may be available from the State of New Mexico, federal government and others. The County Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept all such aid, assistance, relief and funds.
3. The emergency declared herein shall be in effect until such time as critical repairs to the Village of Chama's water treatment and distribution system can be performed to consistently provide safe drinking water to village residents.
4. County Fire Chief Enrico Trujillo is hereby confirmed as the Rio Arriba County coordinator of emergency management for the local emergency as contemplated by Section 12-10-5 NMSA 1978.
5. Actions previously taken by the County Manager and County Fire Chief in response to the local emergency are, to the extent necessary, hereby ratified.
6. As Commissioners, the Board further reserves all other authority and powers conferred by New Mexico state law and County ordinances to respond as necessary to this situation.

**RIO ARRIBA COUNTY HEREBY REQUESTS** from the New Mexico State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and other appropriate State agencies, financial assistance to supplement the necessary actions taken in response to the local emergency in the Village of Chama that has occurred.

**RIO ARRIBA COUNTY REQUESTS** financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate federal agencies to mitigate the costs incurred during this emergency.

This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED** on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

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**Alex M. Naranjo, Chairman** **For/Against**  
**Commissioner, District II**

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**Brandon M. Bustos** **For/Against**  
**Commissioner, District I**

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**Moises A. Morales, Jr.** **For/Against**  
**Commissioner, District III**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sarah Archuleta, Rio Arriba County Clerk**