



VALENCIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-29

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CREATION OF VALENCIA COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Commission met upon notice of a Regular Business Meeting duly published on April 17, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. in the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Valencia exercises the powers of the County as a body politic and corporate pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-1 (1884); and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County recognizes the increasing risk and impact of arroyo-related flooding within the county, as reflected by the severe floods Valencia County experienced in both 2019 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Valencia County Arroyo Flood District would provide the necessary framework to address these challenges and protect the interests of the public, as authorized by the Flood Control District Act, NMSA 1978, Section 72-18-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Valencia County Arroyo Flood District would empower the District to undertake projects aimed at mitigating flood risks, ensuring the health, safety, prosperity, security, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners deems it necessary and beneficial to seek the establishment of the Valencia County Arroyo Flood District to effectively address arroyo-related flood control and management in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County; and


WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 72-18-5 (2019), the Board of County Commissioners is empowered to petition the District Court for an Order to Direct that the Question of the Creation of the Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District be presented to the voters of Valencia County for consideration at the upcoming General Election;

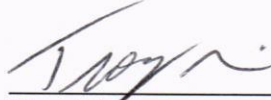
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County that:


1. The Board fully supports the creation of a Valencia County Arroyo Flood District in accordance with the provisions of the Flood Control District Act, NMSA 1978, Section 72-18-1 et seq., subject to approval of the voters of Valencia County.
2. The County Attorneys are hereby directed to petition the District Court pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 72-18-5, to seek an Order to Direct that the Question of the Creation of the Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District be presented to the voters of Valencia County for consideration at the upcoming General Election.
3. The County Attorneys and staff are further directed to provide all necessary legal assistance and support in the establishment of the Valencia County Arroyo Flood District, including but not limited to drafting necessary documents, attending court proceedings, and ensuring compliance with relevant laws and regulations.
4. The County Clerk is directed to take all necessary actions to ensure that the question of the creation of the Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District is included on the ballot for the upcoming General Election and to facilitate the voting process accordingly upon receipt of an Order from the District Court directing the same.

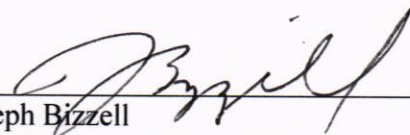
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 17th day of April 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Gerard Saiz
Chairman, District I


Troy Richardson
Vice-Chair, District II


Morris Sparkman
Commissioner, District III


Joseph Bizzell
Commissioner, District IV

Attest:


Mike Milam, County Clerk

