

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-022**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL WATER EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF ESTANCIA, NEW MEXICO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Estancia is responsible for providing a safe and reliable public water system for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, businesses, schools, and public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town has experienced significant challenges affecting the adequacy and reliability of its municipal water supply and distribution system; and

WHEREAS, current conditions indicate that the Town's water system is unable to consistently maintain sufficient water reserves necessary to ensure an adequate drinking water supply, maintain required system pressure, and provide reliable fire protection capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified deficiencies in available water supply, storage capacity, production capability, distribution infrastructure, and fire flow capacity that may jeopardize public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that continued operation under current conditions presents a substantial risk of water shortages, service interruptions, inadequate fire suppression water availability, and other threats to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the governing body finds that these conditions constitute an emergency affecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Estancia; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is necessary to preserve available water resources, protect critical infrastructure, maintain essential public services, and seek available state and federal assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF ESTANCIA, NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF LOCAL WATER EMERGENCY**

The Governing Body hereby declares that a Local Water Emergency exists within the Town of Estancia due to the inadequacy of the municipal water system to reliably provide:

1. Adequate potable water supply for current and projected community needs;
  2. Adequate system pressure throughout the distribution system;
  3. Sufficient water reserves necessary to support emergency operations;
  4. Required fire flow and fire suppression capabilities necessary to protect life and property;
- and

5. Reliable and continuous water service to residents, businesses, schools, and public facilities.

## **SECTION 2. FINDINGS**

The Governing Body specifically finds that:

- A. Existing water production and storage facilities are insufficient to ensure long-term reliability of service.
- B. Available water supply resources have become depleted or are at risk of depletion.
- C. Current system capabilities may not adequately support fire protection requirements established by applicable codes and standards.
- D. The Town faces a substantial risk of service interruptions, pressure deficiencies, and water shortages.
- E. Immediate conservation and emergency response measures are necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

## **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY AUTHORITY**

The Mayor, Town Clerk, Public Works Supervisor, and other designated officials are authorized to implement emergency measures including:

1. Mandatory water conservation restrictions;
2. Restrictions on non-essential water use;
3. Emergency procurement of equipment, materials, engineering services, and contractors;
4. Emergency repairs and infrastructure improvements;
5. Applications for state and federal assistance programs;
6. Coordination with the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the New Mexico Environment Department, the New Mexico Finance Authority, and other applicable agencies;
7. Any additional actions reasonably necessary to protect the public water supply and public safety.

## **SECTION 4. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

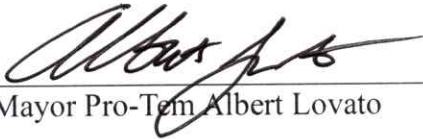
The Governing Body hereby requests technical, financial, and emergency assistance from appropriate state and federal agencies to address the Town's water supply deficiencies, infrastructure needs, and fire protection concerns.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

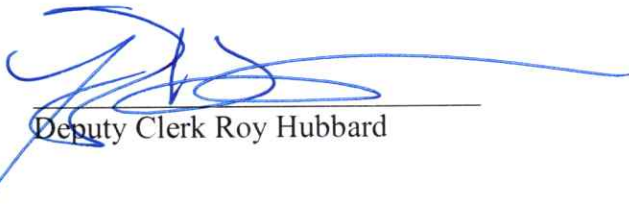
This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Governing Body.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

**TOWN OF ESTANCIA, NEW MEXICO**

  
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Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Lovato

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy Clerk Roy Hubbard

