



Churchill County

Fallon, Nevada 89406

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION OF CHURCHILL COUNTY DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA, DUE TO THE IMMEDIATE THREAT OF FLOODING.

WHEREAS, Churchill County is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada and is authorized under the powers granted under Chapter 414 of the Nevada Revised Statutes to declare an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the high levels of water currently in the Lahontan Reservoir and the threat of a record-breaking spring run-off poses a serious threat to the health and safety as well as property of the residents in Churchill County, NV; and

WHEREAS, a significant amount of water needs to be drawn out of Lahontan Reservoir to mitigate the threat of breaching the reservoir during spring run-off, which, if breached, will create an imminent threat of substantial flooding to the populated areas of Churchill County and the City of Fallon; and

WHEREAS, the irrigation system managed by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District and the Carson River are being fully utilized to distribute the water but it is insufficient to move the quantity of water required; and

WHEREAS, an emergency release is being installed on the V-Line canal to release water into the desert south of the Sheckler Reservoir onto federal lands; and

WHEREAS, this water will pose a threat to properties in the surrounding areas as well as Highway 95 (Schurz Highway) which is a major highway in the area; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that these conditions will persist for several months; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners finds that emergency conditions prevail and threatens the health, life, safety, and welfare of persons and property due to immediate threat of flooding may occur within the county borders.

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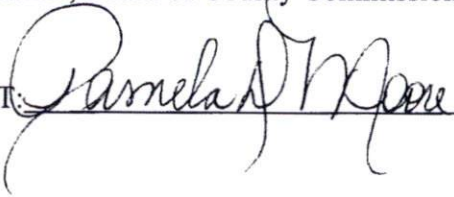

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve that, under the provision of the Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 414 and Churchill County Code, a state of emergency does exist due to conditions of peril arising from the threat of flooding within Churchill County.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 3rd day of March, 2017

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA

By: 

Pete Olsen
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:  Clerk  Deputy