

**Churchill County**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**Resolution 4-2023**

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, 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, an emergency release has been installed on the V-Line canal to release water into the desert south of the Sheckler Reservoir onto federal lands and its use may reduce the risk of injury to persons and property; 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 threaten the health, life, safety, and welfare of persons and property due to immediate threat of flooding which may occur within the county borders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners does hereby declare 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 throughout Churchill County. Churchill County requests that the Governor of the State of Nevada include Churchill County within any State Emergency Proclamation and request a federal declaration to provide assistance through all available assistance programs including for damage mitigation efforts and emergency repairs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF March, 2023 BY VOTE OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THOSE VOTING AYE: Harry "Bus" Scharmman

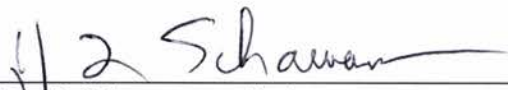
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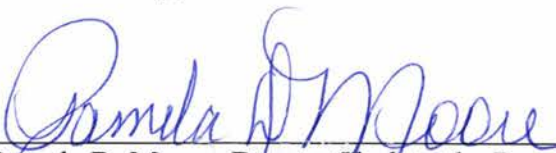
THOSE VOTING NAY: N/A

ABSENT: N/A

CHURCHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Harry "Bus" Scharmman, Chairman

ATTEST:  
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board



## Churchill County Agenda Report

**Date Submitted:** February 28, 2023

**Agenda Item #:** Appointments - A  
**Meeting Date Requested:** March 2,  
2023

**To:** Board of Churchill County Commissioners  
**From:** Joseph Sanford, Civil Deputy District Attorney  
**Subject Title:** Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 4-2023 Declaring an Emergency across Churchill County due to the threat of flooding.

**Type of Action Requested:** Adopt

**Does this action require a Business Impact Statement?** No

**Recommend Board Action:** motion to adopt Resolution 4-2023 declaring a state of emergency under the provisions of Chapter 414 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Churchill County Code due to conditions of peril arising from the threat of flooding within Churchill County.

**Discussion:** Staff will address the threat of flooding due to high waters within Churchill County and request that a Resolution be adopted declaring a state of emergency.

**Alternatives:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Explanation of Impact:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Prepared By:** Pam Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board

**Reviewed By:**

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Jim R. Barbee, County Manager

Date: February 28, 2023

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Joseph Sanford, Deputy District Attorney

Date: February 28, 2023

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Date: March 01, 2023

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Sherry Wideman, Comptroller

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**Board Action Taken:**

**Motion:** Approve

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| 1) <u>Myles Getto</u>  | <u>Aye: 3</u> |
| 2) <u>Justin Heath</u> | <u>Nay: 0</u> |

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(Vote Recorded By)

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