



**A PROCLAMATION BY THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAIMING A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Lincoln County, Nevada (“Lincoln County”) has received over 200 percent of its average snowfall and precipitation from December 2022 through March 2023;

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has received extensive rain and precipitation from two atmospheric river events in March 2023 that have led to rapid snow melt and increased run-off in the Meadow Valley Wash and other areas of Lincoln County;

WHEREAS, the Meadow Valley Wash in Lincoln County has had historic amounts of flow from Spring Valley down through Panaca Valley and into the Lower Meadow Valley Wash beginning March 14, 2023 and expected to continue through March 17, 2023;

WHEREAS, the historic amount of stream flow in the Meadow Valley Wash has brought the reservoirs on the stream to capacity, including the Echo Canyon Reservoir where excess water has been flowing down the spill way around the Echo Canyon Dam;

WHEREAS, the seldom used spillway at the Echo Canyon Dam has eroded significantly by 8:00 PM on March 15, 2023, and if the spillway continues to erode the structural integrity of the Echo Canyon Dam may be compromised and release all stored water downstream;

WHEREAS, residents of Dry Valley, and the communities of Panaca and Caliente are all down stream from Echo Canyon Dam and could suffer extensive damage from flooding if the Echo Canyon Dam were compromised;

WHEREAS, the historic amounts of runoff have already created water over roadways in Spring Valley, Eagle Valley, Rose Valley, Dry Valley, Panaca Valley and other areas in Lincoln County that are impacting travel and isolating residents and causing emergency situations;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim Lincoln County in a State of Emergency and Issues Emergency Powers.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 15th day of March 2023 at an Emergency Meeting of the Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners by a vote of 5-0.



Varlin Higbee, Chairman
Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:  _____
Lisa Lloyd, Lincoln County Clerk