

**COUNTY OF OTERO, NEW MEXICO
COUNTY COMMISSION EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA
COURTHOUSE LOBBY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Commission Chairman: Doug Moore, Commission District 1
Commission Vice-Chairperson: Clarissa McGinn, Commission District 2
Commission Member: Michael Nivison, Commission District 3**

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF NEW MEXICO

“I salute the flag of the state of New Mexico, the zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures.”

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Request approval of **Resolution #02-¹³21-08/96-48**, declaration of a State of Emergency for the Village of Cloudcroft due to water system collapse.
Submitted by: Paul Quairoli

ADJOURNMENT

For Information Only:

The next scheduled Otero County Commission meeting is Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA REPORT

Otero County Commission

Meeting Date: February 13, 2008

Report Date: February 13, 2008

Submitted by: Paul Quairoli

Approved for Agenda: 


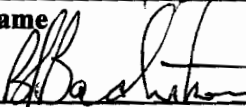
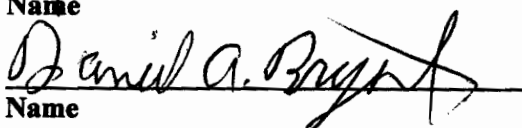
Subject: Declaration of a State of Emergency, Resolution # 02-13-08/96-48 for the Village of Cloudcroft due to water system collapse.

Research/Background: Currently the Village of Cloudcroft is being affected by a large water leak that due to frozen ground is unable to be located visually. The Village water system is pumping/producing 325,000 gallons of water daily, has a demand of approximately 125,000 gallons daily by residents, businesses and school students and is losing approximately 210,000 gallons a day through the yet to be discovered leak. Reserve capacity of the water system is just over 1 million gallons, however due to this leak the Village only has enough reserve capacity for 1 day, 100,000 gallons.

Staff/Department Recommendation:

Emergency Services: Paul Quairoli; recommends the approval of this declaration to assist the Village water system and residents in and around the Village of Cloudcroft with resources and pre-staging of potable water supplies.

This report and all attached documents have been reviewed by:

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| <u></u> | <u>OES</u> | Recommend approval |
| Name | Department | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| <u></u> | <u>Administration</u> | Recommend approval |
| Name | Department | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| <u></u> | <u>Legal</u> | Recommend approval |
| Name | Department | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |

This item was approved/disapproved by the Board of County Commissioners on 2/13/08.

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State of New Mexico
County of Otero

February 13th, 2008

TO: Mr. Ray Backstrom
Otero County Manager

FROM: Paul Quairoli 
Otero County Emergency Services Coordinator

SUBJECT: Cloudcroft water system emergency

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the imminent Drinking Water Emergency that will be declared by the Village of Cloudcroft.

On or about January 13th 2008 the Village of Cloudcroft suffered a water line break at an unknown location within their system. As the current temperatures have been cold enough to cause freezing of the soil in the area, water has not been seen flowing to the surface that would indicate the location of their leak. Cloudcroft Village employees and volunteers have been attempting to locate the large amount of water that have been lost but to date have been unsuccessful.

On 2/13/08, the Village Manager contacted me and requested assistance in declaring an emergency and locating equipment that could assist in the discovery of their water system leak. I advised him that I would begin those steps and assist in every possible way. Currently the Village is pumping/producing 325,000 gallons of water daily, has a demand of approximately 125,000 gallons daily by residents, businesses and school students and is losing approximately 210,000 gallons a day through the yet to be discovered leak. Reserve capacity of the water system is just over 1 million gallons, however due to this leak the Village only has enough reserve capacity for 1 day, 100,000 gallons.

It is my recommendation that a State of Emergency be declared by Otero County so that the pre-positioning of potable water sources can be activated and additional resources located by the State of New Mexico Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

If you have questions or concerns please contact me at 439-2612.



State of New Mexico
County of Otero

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13-08/96-48

Re: Declaration of Water Emergency for the Village of Cloudcroft

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Otero has determined that the usual water source for seven hundred and fifty residents within the Village of Cloudcroft and 1500 or more students attending school in the Cloudcroft School District from the Sacramento Mountain Area of Otero County is no longer adequate due to impacted water system conditions of the Village of Cloudcroft municipal water; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the Village of Cloudcroft, has determined that the Village water sources are at a critically low level and are in danger of not providing adequate to supply the Village of Cloudcroft consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cloudcroft has determined that as of Wednesday February 13th, 2008, it may be necessary seek assistance to haul water to meet the critical needs of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cloudcroft has taken all possible water conservation measures; and

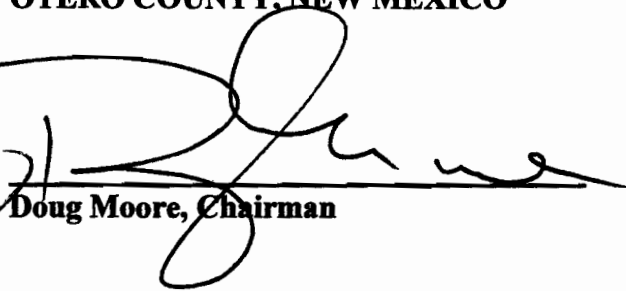
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners and the Governing Body for the Village of Cloudcroft do hereby jointly declare a potable water supply emergency.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 13th day of February, 2008.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ATTEST:


Robyn Holmes, County Clerk


Doug Moore, Chairman


Clarissa McGinn, Vice-Chairperson


Michael Nivison, Member

