



**VALENCIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2018 - 65**

**A Resolution in Support of the Design and Construction of Flood Mitigation
Projects in Belen**

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Commission met upon notice of meeting duly published on December 5, 2018, at 5:00 P.M. in the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, flash flooding is the most common type of natural disaster event in New Mexico and typically results in damage to homes, businesses, infrastructure and roads, and has poses a real and direct threat to human life; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2018, the breach of the Highline Canal caused heavy flooding in Belen, which flooding affected about 1,000 homes and damaged businesses on Main Street; and,

WHEREAS, that breach was the third time a levee had broken in the Belen area in eight-month's time, as the canal was not designed to handle storm water; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has recognized that mitigation techniques are critical in building resiliency in flood prone communities; and,

WHEREAS, Valencia County (the "County) has partnered with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District ("MRGCD) and the City of Belen ("Belen) to develop and implement a long-term solution to mitigate against the hazards caused by flooding in the Belen area; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution is adopted with the intent to demonstrate to the Legislature a strong local support for the development and implementation of a long-term solution to mitigate against the hazards caused by flash floods in the Belen area; and

WHEREAS, Legislative financial support is a necessary and critical component to develop and implement such a solution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Valencia County Board of County Commissioners does hereby express its support for the MRGCD's legislative appropriation request for \$150,000.00, for the planning and design of retention ponds to mitigate the hazards caused by flooding in Valencia County.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 5th day of December, 2018

Jhonathan Aragon, Vice Chair, District V

Charles D. Eaton, Chair, District IV

Helen Y. Cole, District I

David Carlberg, District II

David A. Hyder, District III



Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk