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# Santa Fe County

*Emergency Ordinance No. 2000-009*

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**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN SANTA FE COUNTY WARRANTING THE ADOPTION OF WATER USE RESTRICTIONS ON THE CUSTOMERS OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY**

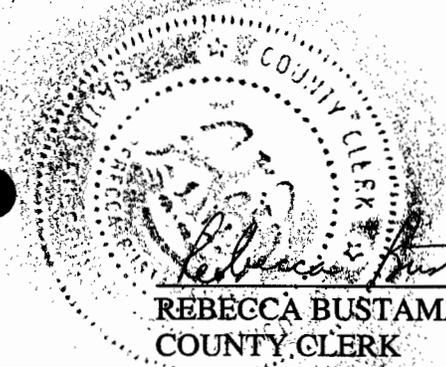
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Be it ordained by the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners:

- A. The Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners hereby **FINDS**:
1. Drought conditions have persisted in Santa Fe County throughout the summer necessitating the imposition of Stage III Water Restrictions by the City of Santa Fe.
  2. Santa Fe County Utilities receives their water supply from the City of Santa Fe.
  3. Santa Fe County Utilities does not currently impose the same Water Restrictions on their customers as the City of Santa Fe.
  4. In order to help alleviate demand requirements on the City of Santa Fe water system, users of the Santa Fe County Utilities system need to restrict their water use whenever the City users do.
- B. The Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners, therefore, declares that the current drought represents a significant and immediate threat to the safety, health and welfare of Santa Fe County.
- C. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**
1. Effective immediately Santa Fe County Utilities hereby adopts the same Water Restrictions and Penalties as the City of Santa Fe. These restrictions shall be in accordance with the City of Santa Fe Code Chapter 25 "Water". Whenever the City of Santa Fe imposes any stage of water restriction on its customers, the County of Santa Fe will have the authority to impose the same stage water restriction on its customers. The County of Santa Fe will also have the option of imposing the water restrictions on users of the County Water System whenever it deems necessary, even if the City has not adopted any water restrictions.

- 2. This policy will remain in effect for future years whenever water restrictions are necessary.
- 3. Penalties for violation of the Water Restrictions shall be as follows: \$20 for the first violation, \$50 for the second and \$100 for all subsequent violations. All penalty fees shall be added to the customer's water bill. This is consistent with the City of Santa Fe's fine structure.
- 4. The following County employees are authorized to conduct inspections to ensure compliance with the Water Restrictions and issue reports on which fines will be based: all members of the Land Use Code Enforcement staff, all members of the Water Utility staff, all members of the Fire Department staff and the County Hydrologist. Complaint forms will be available to residents of Santa Fe County so they can report violations which they observe. Fines will not be issued based on complaint forms.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000, by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners.



*Rebecca Bustamante*  
 REBECCA BUSTAMANTE  
 COUNTY CLERK

*Richard D. Anaya*  
 RICHARD ANAYA, CHAIRMAN

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:**

*[Signature]*  
 OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

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 COUNTY OF SANTA FE )  
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) SS  
 I hereby certify that this instrument was filed  
 for record on the 30 day of Aug A.D.  
 20 00, at 2:21 o'clock P.m.  
 and was duly recorded in book 1801  
 page 777-778 of the records of  
 Santa Fe County.  
 Witness my Hand and Seal of Office  
 Rebecca Bustamante  
 County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.  
*Marcella Salgado*  
 Deputy

