

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: August 1, 2006

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PRESENT: José M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Stacey Espinoza, Executive Secretary; Jo Johnson, District Services Coordinator; and, the following employees participated via a telephone conference call: Mariano Gonzalez, Emergency Services Division Deputy Director; Debra Williams, Risk Management Assistant; and, Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Emergency Session at 3:05 p.m. in Chairman Sanchez's office. Mariano Gonzalez, Debra Williams and Marian Sheppard met in Mr. Gonzalez's office at the Central Heights County Complex. Supervisor Shirley Dawson was unable to attend this meeting as she was traveling out of state.

Mariano Gonzalez, Emergency Services Division Deputy Director, requested that the Board adopt a resolution to declare a state of emergency in Gila County as a result of a series of rain storms moving through the County. He advised the Board that earlier today the Tribal Council of the San Carlos Apache Reservation adopted Resolution No. JUL-06-109 at a Special Council Meeting. That resolution declared a state of emergency within the San Carlos Apache Reservation as a result of a series of storms which have affected areas of the Reservation and requested mutual aid from the counties of Gila, Pinal

and Graham, if needed. The Reservation land is located within each of Gila, Pinal and Graham Counties.

Mr. Gonzalez explained the present situation. A summary is as follows: Rain storms that began on July 25, 2006, have caused damage to public and private structures and roads within the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Should further rainfall occur, it is anticipated that more flooding could occur and as many as 2,500 citizens living along the river may need to be evacuated to a temporary shelter. The Tribal Council has activated its Tribal Emergency Response Committee to address all of the related storm issues. The Bureau of Reclamation is represented on the Tribal Emergency Response Committee. In coordination with the Red Cross, the Committee has established a temporary shelter at the San Carlos High School. Since last evening, the only assistance being provided by Gila County personnel has been the movement of supplies to the shelter.

The Board entered into a discussion with Mr. Gonzalez as to the extent of the aid that Gila County may need to provide. Mr. Gonzalez explained that at present, the County is only anticipating providing additional shelter support above and beyond the support being provided by the Red Cross, if needed. Neither the Gila County Public Works Division nor the Sheriff's Office has been contacted to provide emergency response personnel and/or equipment. Mr. Gonzalez advised that should more flooding occur on the Reservation, the County may have to provide personnel and/or equipment. In that event, County Emergency Management Division personnel would work closely with the Tribe's Public Relations Officer to disseminate information such as public service announcements. Mr. Gonzalez would be the lead person contacting County management, the Sheriff, Public Works Division Director, and the Health and Community Services Division Director. He emphasized that the Tribe would be the lead agency responding to the emergency so it would be the Tribal Council's responsibility to seek State or Federal funding. Gila County would be providing secondary support to the situation. Mr. Gonzalez stated

that in the event the situation went from “bad to worse” and other areas of the County were affected, Gila County’s resolution would allow the County to seek State or Federal financial assistance to recuperate any costs incurred by the County.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board adopted Resolution No. 06-08-02. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors’ Office.**

Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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José M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk