

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL WATER EMERGENCY FOR THE
BRAZOS MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION
CHAMA, NEW MEXICO**

WHEREAS, the Brazos Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association is responsible for providing a safe and reliable public water system for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, businesses, lodging facilities, and fire department; and

WHEREAS, the Association has experienced significant challenges affecting the adequacy and reliability of its local government water supply and distribution system; and

WHEREAS, current conditions indicate that the Association's water system is unable to consistently maintain sufficient water reserves necessary to ensure an adequate drinking water supply, maintain required system pressure, and provide reliable fire protection capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Association has identified deficiencies in available water supply, storage capacity, production capability, distribution infrastructure, and fire flow capacity that may jeopardize public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Association has determined that continued operation under current conditions presents a substantial risk of water shortages, service interruptions, inadequate fire suppression water availability, and other threats to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the governing body finds that these conditions constitute an emergency affecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Brazos Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is necessary to preserve available water resources, protect critical infrastructure, maintain essential public services, and seek available state and federal assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BRAZOS MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF LOCAL WATER EMERGENCY

The Governing Body hereby declares that a Local Water Emergency exists within the Brazos Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association due to the inadequacy of the local government water system to reliably provide:

1. Adequate potable water supply for current and projected community needs;
2. Adequate system pressure throughout the distribution system;
3. Sufficient water reserves necessary to support emergency operations;
4. Required fire flow and fire suppression capabilities necessary to protect life and property; and
5. Reliable and continuous water service to residents, businesses, schools, and public facilities.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS

The Governing Body specifically finds that:

- A. Existing water production and storage facilities are insufficient to ensure long-term reliability of service.
- B. Available water supply resources have become depleted or are at risk of depletion.
- C. Current system capabilities may not adequately support fire protection requirements established by applicable codes and standards.
- D. The Association faces a substantial risk of service interruptions, pressure deficiencies, and water shortages.
- E. Immediate conservation and emergency response measures are necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY AUTHORITY

The Board President, Vice-President, Community Liaison, Water Operator, and other designated officials are authorized to implement emergency measures including:

1. Mandatory water conservation restrictions;
2. Restrictions on non-essential water use;
3. Emergency procurement of equipment, materials, engineering services, and contractors;
4. Emergency repairs and infrastructure improvements;
5. Applications for state and federal assistance programs;

6. Coordination with the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the New Mexico Environment Department, the New Mexico Finance Authority, and other applicable agencies;

7. Any additional actions reasonably necessary to protect the public water supply and public safety.

SECTION 4. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Governing Body hereby requests technical, financial, and emergency assistance from appropriate state and federal agencies to address the Association's water supply deficiencies, infrastructure needs, and fire protection concerns.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Governing Body.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 4th day of July, 2026.

BRAZOS MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

Teri Fahs, Board President

ATTEST:

Ryan Costanza, Board Member