



RESOLUTION 008-2015

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECLARING A DISASTER
AND ACTIVATING AN EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Crestone, Colorado has experienced overflowing water in its drainages in and around town and from North Crestone Creek since late May, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone passed Resolution # 007-2015 on June 3, 2015, declaring an emergency and authorizing the expenditure of Tabor reserve funds of the Town, the balance of which was \$11,941; and

WHEREAS, the Town Administrator estimates that the expenditures to mitigate the potential of flooding have now exceeded the Town's emergency reserve; and

WHEREAS, the manager (David Osborn) of the San Luis Valley Office of the State of Colorado Homeland Security, advised the Town Administrator of the possibility of heavy rains in and above the Town of Crestone on June 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, heavy rain fell on the afternoon of June 6, 2015, resulting in a significant rise in North Crestone Creek and the need to mobilize emergency personnel and heavy equipment operators to remove blockages from the culverts to Alder Street Bridge and to implement Phase 2 of the diversion plan for North Crestone Creek near the campground; and

WHEREAS, the danger of flooding is expected to last at least one additional week due to the combination of melting snow, warm temperatures and thunderstorms; and

WHEREAS, the Town Administrator has composed an emergency operations plan (EOP); and

WHEREAS, the provisions of C.R.S. § 24-33.5-707(4), allow the Town Board of Trustees to appoint the Town Administrator, as Chief Executive Officer of the Town, as the disaster agent of the Town of Crestone; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Trustees' Rules of Procedure provide for Emergency meetings of the Board in Section 3.4; and

WHEREAS, such Section allows the Board to continue to conduct business in case of emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone:

1. Since the emergency reserve of the Town has been or is in the process of being expended to mitigate the hazards of flooding, a disaster is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1).

2. The Town's emergency operation plan (EOP) as drafted by the Town Administrator, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference into this resolution. The Town Administrator is directed to amend and/or modify such plan, as necessary, to meet the expenditures of the current emergency.
3. The Town Board of Trustees authorizes the Town Administrator to execute such documents to enter into such contracts, MOUs and to make such expenditures as may be reasonably necessary and as authorized by law, to address the danger of flooding and for the safety, health and welfare of the public in the town during the pending declared disaster.

DONE and SIGNED this 8th day of June, 2015.


Lonny Roth, Mayor Pro-tem

Attest:


Gretchen Nelson, Town Clerk

