

RESOLUTION 2026-06

DECLARING A SEVERE DROUGHT AND WILDFIRE CONDITIONS
EMERGENCY IN RIO COMMUNITIES, THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, according to the United States Drought Monitor, the City of Rio Communities is currently experiencing severe drought conditions, with above average temperatures and below average precipitation; and

WHEREAS, current and projected drought conditions will continue to negatively affect soil moisture, resulting in drier than normal vegetative conditions amidst higher than normal temperatures; and

WHEREAS, The City of Rio Communities is susceptible to numerous natural disasters associated with drought, including severe wildfire. In recent months, fire danger has increased throughout the State due to warmer temperatures, lower humidity, high winds, and an abundance of dry, fine fuels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Communities Fire Department has already experienced spring wildfires in both the Manzano Mountains and the Rio Grande Bosque; and

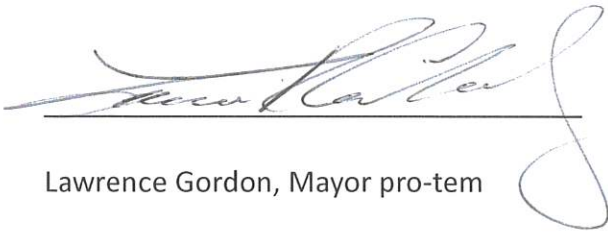
WHEREAS, extraordinary measures may be necessary to protect public health, ensure public safety and well-being, and provide for the economic stability of the City of Rio Communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rio Communities hereby declares a state of emergency for severe drought and fire conditions within its boundaries, and encourages the State of New Mexico to consider actions to mitigate the impacts of severe drought and wildfire conditions in the City of Rio Communities.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF MARCH 2026 BY THE GOVERNING
BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES, NEW MEXICO.**



Joshua Ramsell, Mayor



Lawrence Gordon, Mayor pro-tem



Matthew Marquez, Councilor

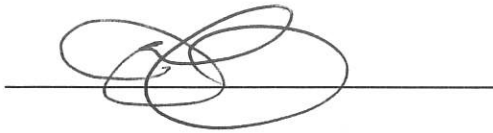


Michael Melendez, Councilor



Thomas Nelson, Councilor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Gauna, Municipal Clerk

