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SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SIERRA STATE OF NEW MEXICO CAUSE NO. D-721-MS-2024-00001 IN RE EMERGENCY PETITION FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SIERRA COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SIERRA COUNTY AND TO DECLARE THE DISTRICT ORGANIZED IF APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF SIERRA COUNTY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Sierra filed a Petition with the District Court requesting that the question of the organization of the Sierra County Arroyo Flood Control District be submitted to the qualified electors of Sierra County. The purpose of the Sierra County Arroyo Flood Control District is to (a) mitigate the risks associated with arroyo flooding, (b) implement proactive flood control measures to protect lives, property, and infrastructure, (c) foster sustainable development and economic growth by reducing flood-related damages, and (d) enhance public safety and emergency preparedness within Sierra County. The geographic boundaries of the Sierra County Arroyo Flood Control District will include all properties within both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Sierra County. Subject to available funding, the Sierra County Arroyo Flood Control District will (a) conduct comprehensive studies to assess flood risks, hydrological patterns, and vulnerable areas within Sierra County; (b) develop and implement flood control infrastructure, such as levees, channels, retention basins, and stormwater management systems, tailored to the unique characteristics of the arroyos in the County; (c) establish early warning systems and emergency response protocols to effectively alert and evacuate residents during flood events; (d) collaborate with relevant governmental agencies, community organizations, and stakeholders to ensure coordinated efforts and maximize resources for flood control initiatives; (e) provide public education and outreach programs to raise awareness about flood risks, preparedness measures, and sustainable land use practices; and (f) take such additional actions as statutorily permitted. The hearing on whether to submit the question of the creation of the Sierra County Arroyo Flood Control District to the voters of Sierra County will be held at the Sierra County Courthouse, 311 North Date Street, on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., s/Mary Mora, Clerk of the Seventh Judicial District Court, 311 North Date Street, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.

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