

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
COCHISE COUNTY FLOODING

WHEREAS, between September 17, 2014 and September 19, 2014, powerful rain storms combined with remnants of Hurricane Odile caused record precipitation and flooding in Cochise County; and

WHEREAS, the heavy rains resulted in significant flooding impacts, including erosion and debris flows, causing substantial damage to critical infrastructure and public facilities throughout Cochise County; and

WHEREAS, the heavy rains threatened lives and required emergency response search and rescue missions, caused residential damages, and forced evacuations; and

WHEREAS, heavily saturated soils from a historically high monsoon seasonal rainfall have greatly increased the threat of flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Cochise County Board of Supervisors has declared a State of Emergency for their county; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the flooding event in Arizona justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Cochise County due to flooding, effective September 17-19, 2014; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000 from the General Fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets; and
- d. Authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize and call to activate all or such part of the Arizona National Guard as is determined necessary to assist in the protection of life and property throughout the State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fourth day of November in the Year Two Thousand Fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Ninth.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

