

VILLAGE OF TULAROSA

Resolution NO. 2026-2027-9

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A WATER EMERGENCY, IMPOSING MANDATORY OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF TULAROSA, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the Village of Tularosa relies on vital municipal water treatment, storage and supply systems to serve the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, recent heavy rains and flash flooding in the neighboring Ruidoso and upper watershed areas have washed severe amounts of wildfire ash, soot, and debris into the Tularosa regional water sources, rendering standard water treatment processes complicated or temporarily untreatable; and

WHEREAS, municipal water storage tanks for the Village of Tularosa have reached critically low levels, creating an immediate threat to public safety, fire protection, and basic domestic water needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Village of Tularosa, New Mexico:

Section 1. Declaration of Emergency. A formal state of emergency is hereby declared concerning the municipal water system of the Village of Tularosa.

Section 2. Watering Prohibitions. Effective immediately, all outdoor watering, irrigation, and non-essential water use are prohibited. This restriction explicitly bans lawn sprinkling, watering of gardens and landscaping, washing of vehicles or driveways, and filling or topping off swimming pools, hot tubs, and decorative fountains.

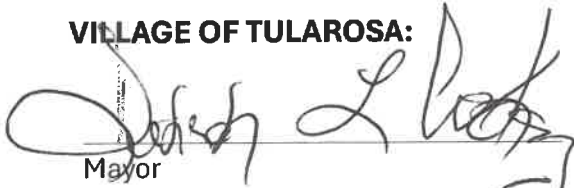
Section 3. Prohibition Period. These restrictions shall remain in force for an initial period of seven (7) days from the date of adoption, or until further notice is provided by the Village administration upon verification that water treatment capabilities and tank levels have safely recovered.

Section 4. Conservation Measures. All residents and commercial enterprises are urged to immediately practice severe indoor water conservation, including taking shorter showers, running only full loads of laundry and dishes, and repairing any active plumbing leaks.

Section 5. Enforcement and Citations. The Tularosa Police Department and municipal code enforcement officers are authorized to issue immediate citations and fines to any person or property observed wasting water or violating the outdoor watering prohibition while this emergency resolution is active.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of August, 2026.

VILLAGE OF TULAROSA:


Mayor


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee

ATTEST:


Rebekah Garcia, Village Clerk