



**San Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District**  
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**RESOLUTION #26-001**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CATRON COUNTY'S DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO EXTREME AND CONTINUAL INJURY AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY MEXICAN GREY WOLVES**

**WHEREAS**, the San Francisco Soil & Water Conservation District (SFSWCD) represents the citizens located within the boundaries of the SFSWCD and represent the interests of the District in all matters affecting the health and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, livestock production remains a critical economic and cultural foundation of Catron County and neighboring rural counties, and the introduction and proliferation of Mexican grey wolves have led to sustained livestock losses; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mexican grey wolves have become increasingly habituated and aggressive, as evidenced by numerous incidents of wolves stalking children, roaming in and around communities, killing pets on front porches, and otherwise endangering the safety of residents and visitors, causing widespread fear and trauma in local communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Catron County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 56-2025 on April 8, 2025, formally declaring a public-safety disaster in Catron County due to the threat of injury and damage caused by Mexican grey wolves; and,

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 56-2025 acknowledges that all locally available public and private resources are insufficient to cope with the escalating wolf crisis; and,

**WHEREAS**, Catron County's emergency declaration invokes the use of all available county resources and necessary emergency powers, and formally requests immediate assistance and relief from the State of New Mexico and the federal government under the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10-1 et seq., the New Mexico Civil Emergency Preparedness Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10-1 to 12-10-11, and other relevant emergency statutes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the SFSWCD finds that the harms reported by Catron County constitute a continuing and regional emergency that threatens public safety, economic stability, and the cultural foundations of rural life in western New Mexico.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of the SFSWCD formally supports Catron County's declaration of a public-safety disaster and urges the Governor of New Mexico and relevant state and federal agencies to immediately respond with funding, personnel, and emergency resources as requested by Catron County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SFSWCD finds that the conditions reported by Catron County constitute a continuing and regional emergency requiring urgent and sustained intergovernmental coordination.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SFSWCD calls upon all appropriate agencies, including the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the

Department of Game and Fish, the Department of Finance and Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to take immediate steps to mitigate further harm and to restore balance to the impacted areas.

**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED** on this 14th day of July, 2025 in open meeting at the Catron County Fire Training Center in Reserve New Mexico.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard Hutchinson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Howard Hutchinson, Chair