

**State of Montana
Office of the Governor**

Executive Order 7 - 2007

**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST
IN THE CITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA**

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2007, a catastrophic failure of a 12 inch water main occurred at the corner of Lincoln and 4th Street in the City of White Sulphur Springs causing the town to lose all of the water storage in its system; and

WHEREAS, the system failure also caused substantial damage to the paved roadways and also caused considerable debris flows to both public and private property and caused major flood damage to four residences and minor flood damage to an additional five residences; and

WHEREAS, the water system failure caused the temporary closure of local schools, government offices and eating establishments within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with a vendor to supply potable water for the hospital and city residents; and

WHEREAS, emergency road repairs were contracted with private vendors as well as with Meagher County to allow access to the damaged area of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the above jurisdiction, anticipating that problems resulting from this event would exceed the City's ordinary capability to finance, did declare a disaster to exist on February 28, 2007 and levied the two (2) mill emergency levy to help restore services and make the emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of White Sulphur Springs has sent the Governor a letter requesting supplemental disaster relief from the state; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a disaster authorizes the Governor under § 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Montana Constitution, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable laws of the State of Montana, do hereby declare under § 10-3-302, MCA, that an emergency, as defined in § 10-3-103, MCA, exists in the City of White Sulphur Springs, Meagher County, Montana, and authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid as other claims against the state from the general fund, pursuant to § 10-3-311, MCA.

This order is effective March 26, 2007.

Given under my hand and the
GREAT SEAL of the State of
Montana, this 26th day of March,
2007.


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:


BRAD JOHNSON, Secretary of State.