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**San Juan County Declares Emergency on Behalf of  
Apple Orchard Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association**

*Aztec* – San Juan County Commissioners voted unanimously to approve an Emergency Declaration on behalf of the newly formed Apple Orchard Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association that serves the Harvest Gold Subdivision east of Bloomfield.

The declaration requests assistance from the State of New Mexico in the form of drinking water, water for other residential use, and assistance with future unknown issues that might come up during time it takes to connect the Apple Orchard System to the City of Bloomfield water line.

San Juan County has not been able to assist the residents affected by the Harvest Gold Water System in the past year due to anti-donation laws. The system was privately owned until last week when it was turned over to the Apple Orchard Domestic Water Consumers Association.

Residents on the system have suffered through a “Water Boil” order from the New Mexico Environment Department – Drinking Water Bureau for the last year. The “Water Boil” order will continue to be in effect for the area until after the hook up to Bloomfield has been inspected and approved by the New Mexico Environment Department.

San Juan County continues to offer affected residents of Harvest Gold Subdivision access to showers and a drinking water fill station at McGee Park from 6am to 8pm daily.

Bloomfield Fire has made available a drinking water fill station at the main Fire Station next to City Hall, from 8am to 5pm, Monday thru Thursday.

San Juan County Emergency Management has initiated a Water Pallet Challenge (#waterpalletchallenge) through Facebook and Twitter.

Donations of water can be dropped off at McGee Park – 41 RD 5568 or for more information call 505-334-4705.

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