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## Joint statement on Belen flooding

Belen, NM – Last night a canal breach occurred in Belen, flooding roadways and damaging property. Today Senate Republican Leader Greg Baca (District 29 – Bernalillo and Valencia), Rep. Gail Armstrong (District 49 – Catron, Socorro and Valencia), Rep. Alonzo Baldonado (District 8 - Valencia), and Rep. Kelly Fajardo (District 7 - Valencia) issued the following statement: ***"We are paying close attention to the flood emergency in Belen. While we are appreciative of the much needed rain, we are concerned for our community following the flooding last night. Please use caution in areas that are still flooded and follow safety instructions from officials. If you need immediate assistance, please call the City of Belen flood assistance hotline at 505-966-2734."***

Senator Baca spent the evening with first responders while they worked to close the breach. ***"Last night I was on site and in direct communication with DOT, MRGCD, and the Governor's office to ensure assistance is being delivered for our community,"*** said Senator Greg Baca (District 29 - Bernalillo and Valencia). ***"Now is the time for our community to band together. Please help your neighbors who are in need and if you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact the City of Belen or my office."***

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