

Office of the Governor State of Oregon



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EO - 94 - 15

DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN KLAMATH, SHERMAN AND DOUGLAS COUNTIES DUE TO SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Pursuant to ORS 401.055 and 536.740, I find that severe drought conditions exist in Klamath, Sherman and Douglas Counties. Preliminary damage estimates to agriculture and local economies are unknown at this time.

The Boards of Commissioners for Klamath, Sherman and Douglas Counties have declared a "State of Drought Emergency" and have requested assistance from appropriate state and/or federal agencies.

IT IS ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. All agencies of the State of Oregon are authorized to use state personnel and equipment as appropriate to assess, alleviate and/or mitigate damage from the emergency.
2. The Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate assistance in seeking federal resources available to effect agricultural recovery.
3. The Water Resources Department is directed to coordinate and provide assistance and regulation it determines appropriate in accordance with ORS 536.750.
4. In considering emergency water allocations, the Water Resources Department is directed to give careful consideration to the needs of in-stream uses, including fisheries. This declaration is not intended to establish any priority of use for any one need, whether under normal allocation or through emergency use permits for the use of unallocated stored water.
5. The Oregon Emergency Management Division of the Oregon State Police is directed to coordinate and assist with assessment and mitigation activities as appropriate to address conditions resulting from this drought.

Done At Salem, Oregon this 29th day of August, 1994.



Barbara Roberts
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Phil Hering
SECRETARY OF STATE