



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13-06

**DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN
BAKER, GILLIAM, AND MALHEUR COUNTIES DUE TO DROUGHT
AND LOW WATER CONDITIONS**

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find that ongoing drought and low water conditions and weather patterns have caused local adverse natural and economic disaster conditions in the affected area of the above mentioned counties. Projected climatic patterns are not expected to significantly alleviate these conditions and drought conditions will continue. These conditions are expected to have significant economic impact on the affected counties' agricultural, livestock, and natural resources.

Current conditions are being addressed by state agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Water Resources, and Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

A timely response to this situation being vital to the well being and economic security of the citizens and businesses of the affected counties, I am therefore declaring a "state of drought emergency" in Baker, Gilliam, and Malheur Counties and directing the following activities;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources available to mitigate conditions and effect agricultural recovery in the affected counties.

II. The Department of Water Resources is directed to coordinate and provide assistance and regulation for the affected counties as it determines is necessary in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.

III. The Office of Emergency Management is directed to coordinate and assist as needed with assessment and mitigation activities to address current and projected conditions in the affected counties.



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IV. All other departments are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as determined essential to assist affected political subdivisions in the affected counties.


V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2013.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 23 day of June, 2013.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Kate Brown
SECRETARY OF STATE