



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10 – 03**

### **DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN KLAMATH COUNTY AND CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES DUE TO DROUGHT AND EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Pursuant to ORS 401.165 and 536.740, I find that ongoing drought and low water conditions and weather patterns exist and imminently threaten to cause local adverse natural and economic disaster conditions in Klamath County and the Oregon counties contiguous to Klamath County. Projected weather patterns are not expected to significantly alleviate these conditions and drought conditions are continuing. The United States Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation has determined that water shortages are likely during the upcoming 2010 irrigation season and has issued notice that Klamath Project water is not available for use at this time. (See attached March 9, 2010 letter from Bureau of Reclamation Klamath Basin Area Manager Susan M. Fry) These conditions threaten significant economic loss to Klamath County and its contiguous Oregon 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 Emergency Management.

A timely response to this situation being vital to the well being and economic security of the citizens and businesses of Klamath County and its contiguous counties, I am therefore declaring a "state of drought emergency" in Klamath County and the Oregon counties contiguous to Klamath County and directing the following activities:

#### **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:**

1. 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 Klamath County and contiguous counties.
2. The Oregon Water Resources Department is directed to coordinate and provide assistance and regulation for Klamath County and contiguous counties as it determines is necessary in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.
3. 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 Klamath County and contiguous counties.



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4. 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 Klamath County and contiguous counties.

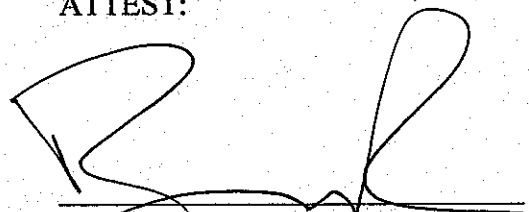
5. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2010.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.



Theodore R. Kulongoski  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Kate Brown  
SECRETARY OF STATE

