



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 05-06

DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN DESCHUTES, LAKE, WALLOWA, WASCO AND WHEELER COUNTIES DUE TO DROUGHT AND LOW WATER CONDITIONS.

Pursuant to ORS 401.055, I find that ongoing drought and low water conditions and weather patterns have the potential to cause local adverse natural and economic disaster conditions in Deschutes, Lake, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler Counties. Projected weather patterns are not expected to significantly alleviate these conditions and drought conditions are continuing. These conditions are expected to have significant environmental and economic impacts on the fish and wildlife, agriculture and natural resource-dependent communities of the above-mentioned counties.

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 the above-mentioned counties, I hereby declare a "state of drought emergency" in Deschutes, Lake, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler Counties and direct 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 that may be available to mitigate conditions and to assist agricultural recovery in Deschutes, Lake, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler Counties.

II. The Department of Water Resources is directed to coordinate and provide assistance and regulation for Deschutes, Lake, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler 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 drought conditions in Deschutes, Lake, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler Counties.

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 Deschutes, Lake, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler Counties.



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V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2005

Done at Salem, Oregon this 25th day of May, 2005.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE