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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

Umatilla County, Oregon	)	
Proclamation of Drought	)	Order No. BCC2015-048
Disaster	)	

WHEREAS information has been provided to the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners, that beginning with the 2014 crop year and on going, a drought is occurring in Umatilla County and that protective actions may be or are required to protect the Citizens of Umatilla County;

WHEREAS the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has designated Umatilla County as a contiguous disaster county due to drought, enabling producers in the County eligible for emergency aid, with a moderate drought monitor condition;

WHEREAS the Governor has made the determination that a state of drought emergency exists in Baker, Wheeler, Crook, Harney, Klamath, Lake and Malheur Counties;

WHEREAS the Oregon Water Resources Department has placed Umatilla County in drought likely status for water supply assessment due to reservoirs being at roughly 50%, with a dry forecast;

WHEREAS the Oregon Surface Water Index for the Umatilla/John Day region as of April 1, 2015 is -0.8;

WHEREAS the snow pack on April 27, 2015 is 1% of average for the area;

WHEREAS Cold Springs Reservoir is 56% full with 21.3 thousand acre feet and McKay Reservoir storage on April 27, 2015 was 51.0 thousand acre feet or 78% full;

WHEREAS unless weather conditions improve substantially to above normal conditions, water users who rely on stored water will have a shortened water use season, and depending upon the priority date of their water right, water users who rely on stream flows will have substantially less water available and a shortened water use season.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners orders that:

1. A state of emergency exists in Umatilla County due to drought conditions.

2. Due to the state of emergency, the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners does hereby request and entreat the Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, to:

(A) Declare a "State of Emergency", a drought, to exist in Umatilla County, Oregon;

(B) Direct the Oregon Water Resources Department to provide all available means of assistance to Umatilla County agricultural producers.

(C) Direct Office of Emergency Management to coordinate and assist as needed to address current and projected conditions in Umatilla County.

(D) Direct all other state agencies to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as determined necessary to assist those affected in Umatilla County.

DATED this 28th day of April, 2015.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



George L. Murdock, Chair



W. Lawrence Givens, Commissioner



William J. Elfering, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS



Records Officer

