



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 05 - 02

DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN BAKER COUNTY AND KLAMATH COUNTY 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 Baker and Klamath 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 Baker and Klamath 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 Baker and Klamath Counties, I hereby declare a "state of drought emergency" in Baker and Klamath 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 Baker and Klamath Counties.

II. The Department of Water Resources is directed to coordinate and provide assistance and regulation for Baker and Klamath Counties as it determines is necessary and 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 Baker and Klamath Counties.

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



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V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2005

Done at Salem, Oregon this 8th day of March, 2005.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

