



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-20

DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN MORROW COUNTY DUE TO LOW STREAMFLOW AND HOT, DRY CONDITIONS

Pursuant to ORS 536.740, I find that extremely low streamflows and hot, dry conditions are likely to cause natural and economic disaster conditions in Morrow County, resulting in a severe, continuing drought emergency in that county during 2018.

Forecasted water conditions are not expected to improve, and drought is likely to have significant economic impacts on the agriculture and livestock sectors, natural resources, and recreational and tourism economies in Morrow County. Extreme conditions already observed include fire, reduced streamflow, and precipitation. Conditions are being monitored by the state's natural resource and public safety agencies, including the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

Preparation and timely response to drought are vital to the health and safety of persons, property, and the economic security of the citizens and businesses of Morrow County. I therefore declare that a severe, continuing drought emergency exists in Morrow County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

- I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources to mitigate drought conditions and to assist in agricultural recovery in Morrow County.
- II. The Oregon Water Resources Department and the Water Resources Commission are directed to coordinate and provide assistance to water users in Morrow County as the Department and Commission determine is necessary and appropriate 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 Morrow County.



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- IV. All other state agencies are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as needed to assist affected political subdivisions and water users in Morrow County.
- V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2018.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of August, 2018.



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Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in green ink, reading "Dennis Richardson".

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE