



## Board of Commissioners

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RE: Klamath County Drought

Mr. Stahr and Mr. Marheine:

Klamath County, by and through its County Elected Officials, requests that the Governor of Oregon issue an executive order for all of Klamath County under the provisions of ORS 536 as a direct result of severe and projected drought conditions.

There is the potential for the Klamath County agricultural and livestock, natural resources, recreational, tourism, and related economies to experience widespread and severe damage resulting from extreme weather conditions within the county. Oregon Water Conditions Report of February 24, 2020 shows precipitation values 67% of normal in the Klamath Basin. National Weather Service is predicting above average temperatures and below average precipitation for March, April, and May. This after one of the driest February's on record.

The county has already formally declared a drought, and has attached a copy of the adopted resolution for your files. In addition, the county has taken the following actions to anticipate or mitigate effects of the drought:

- Implemented the Klamath County Emergency Operations Plan.
- Initiated a limited activation of the Emergency Operations Center.
- Examined County fiscal resources and found them inadequate to provide relief.

The Klamath County Board of Commissioners has determined that additional action by and support from the state is needed. This may include assistance from the Oregon Water Resources Department and other Oregon executive branch agencies, operating within their statutory authorities.



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Klamath County Board of Commissioners therefore requests an executive order from the Governor, declaring drought in Klamath County.

We extend in advance our appreciation for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Donnie Boyd  
Commissioner

Kelley Minty Morris  
Chair

Derrick DeGroot  
Vice Chair