



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-26

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

Pursuant to ORS 536.740, I find that extremely low streamflow and hot, dry conditions are likely to cause natural and economic disaster conditions in Coos County, resulting in a severe, continuing drought emergency in that county during 2020.

Forecasted water supply conditions are not expected to improve, and drought is likely to have significant economic impacts on the farm, forest, recreation, drinking water, and natural resources sectors, which are dependent on adequate precipitation and streamflow in Coos County. Extreme conditions have already affected local growers, and increased the potential for fire, a loss of economic stability, shortened growing season, and decreased water supplies.

Conditions continue to be 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 resiliency to drought are vital to the health and safety of persons, property, and the economic security of the citizens and businesses. I therefore declare that a severe, continuing drought emergency exists in Coos 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 Coos County.
- II. The Oregon Water Resources Department and the Water Resources Commission are directed to coordinate and provide assistance to water users in Coos County as the Department and Commission determine is necessary and appropriate in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.

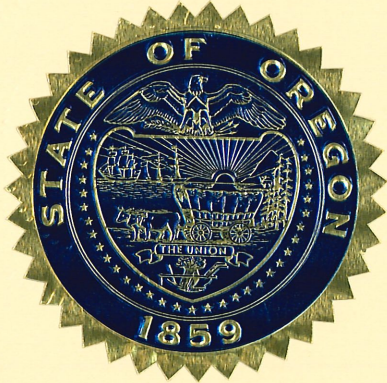


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- III. The Office of Emergency Management is directed to coordinate and assist as needed with assessment and mitigation activities to address current and projected conditions in Coos County.
- IV. All other state agencies are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as needed to assist affected political subdivisions and water users in Coos County.
- V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2020.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of May, 2020.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE