

SCANNED

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING)
A LOCAL DISASTER AND REQUEST)
TO DECLARE A STATE OF DROUGHT)
EMERGENCY FOR JEFFERSON)
COUNTY, OREGON)

RESOLUTION NO. R-003-20

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners finds that the Jefferson County agricultural and livestock industries, and related economy are suffering widespread and severe economic damage, potential injuries and loss of property resulting from extreme weather conditions within the county; and

WHEREAS, annual water supplies available for irrigators and ranchers within Jefferson County are a function of both available water storage in the Willow Creek and Trout Creek resources and the estimated seasonal inflow from winter snow pack.

- May 1 NRCS snowpack data for the upper Deschutes/Crooked River basins was 58% of Normal.
- April 28, 2020 U.S. drought monitor had the majority of Jefferson County mapped as a severe drought.
- Wickiup reservoir peaked on April 1st at 141,400 Acre-feet, the lowest peak of the reservoir since it was built.
- 2020 NRCS streamflow forecast for this May-September projects streamflow's between 19%-78% of average.
- 2 Deschutes basin snow monitoring sites recorded the highest snowpack decreases on record for April.
- May 2, 2020 soil moisture map for Jefferson County had the county at 5%-50% of normal.

WHEREAS, as a result of the available water storage and the estimated seasonal inflow, Jefferson County's irrigated ground from stored water will receive reduced supply and reduced allocations; and

WHEREAS, the extended weather forecast for Jefferson County projects higher than normal temperatures, and below average precipitation; and

WHEREAS, the above conditions will result in loss of economic stability, pasture shortages, decreased feed production, shortened growing season, and decreased water supplies for Jefferson County agricultural and livestock producers. In addition, this multi-year cumulative drought has resulted in decreased fuel moisture and early onset fire danger; and

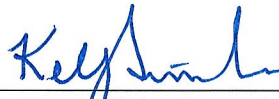
WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners determines that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate suffering of people and livestock and to protect or mitigate economic loss, and to be responsive to the threat of wildfires.

NOW THEREFORE the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners HEREBY PROCLAIMS:

1. A local disaster is declared within Jefferson County.
2. The Jefferson County drought Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. Pursuant to ORS 401.165, we find that the appropriate response is beyond the capability of Jefferson County. We are declaring a state of emergency for the purpose of assessment, evaluation and acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available resources.
4. The Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, is requested to declare a Drought Emergency for all of Jefferson County under the provision of ORS 401.165 due to severe and continuing drought conditions beginning at this time and continuing for an unknown period of time; and direct the Oregon Department of Water Resources to make available in Jefferson County: Temporary Transfers of Water Rights, and Emergency Water Use Permits, and Use of Existing Right Option/Agreement; and other federal and state drought assistance and programs as needed.
5. This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DATED this 3rd day of June, 2020.

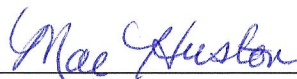
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Kelly Simmelink, Commission Chair

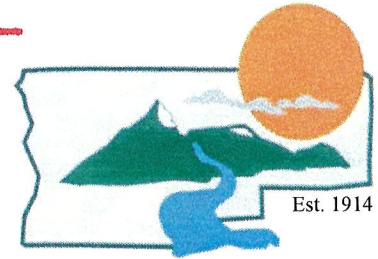


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RE: Jefferson County Drought

Mr. Stahr and Mr. Marheine:

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

There is the potential for the Jefferson 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. The County met with North Unit Irrigation District and they support moving forward with a drought declaration.

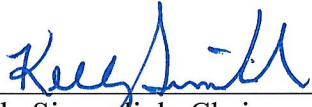
The county has already formally declared a drought, and has attached a copy of the adopted resolution for your files.

The Jefferson 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.

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

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

Sincerely,



Kelly Simmelink, Chairman



Wayne Fording, Commissioner



Mae Huston, Commissioner