

**IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING)
A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN)
KLAMATH COUNTY)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-012

WHEREAS, annual water supplies available for irrigators and wildlife refuges within Klamath County are a function of both available storage in various reservoirs and the estimated seasonal inflow from winter snow pack; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Water Conditions Report of March 8, 2021 shows basin precipitation values of 73 percent in the Klamath Basin. The US Drought Monitor for March 2, 2021 shows most of Klamath County is experiencing Extreme Drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Water Resources Department Water Conditions Report of March 8, 2021 shows that the Klamath Basin is at 77% of normal Snow Water Equivalent (snow pack); and

WHEREAS, water supplies for irrigators and wildlife refuges are in serious jeopardy. The above conditions result in loss of economic stability, pasture shortages, decrease in feed production, and a shortened growing season. In addition, this drought will result in decreased fuel moisture and a potential early and prolonged onset of fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the resources committed and actions initiated by local governments to alleviate the emergency include:

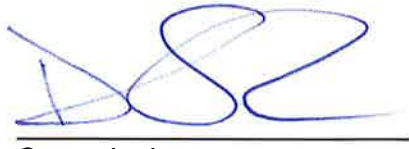
- By this Declaration, implemented the Klamath County Emergency Operations Plan
- Initiated a limited activation of the Emergency Operations Center
- Examined County fiscal resources and found them inadequate to provide relief

WHEREAS, we find that appropriate response is beyond the capability of Klamath County. We are declaring a State of Emergency for the purpose of assessment, evaluation and acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available resources. Resources required include a Governor's Drought Declaration and a Federal Drought Declaration; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for Klamath County declare a Drought Emergency in Klamath County, Oregon.

DONE AND DATED this 9th day of March, 2021.


Chair


Commissioner


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