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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

Umatilla County, Oregon	)	
Proclamation of Drought	)	Order No. BCC2021-034
Disaster	)	

WHEREAS information has been provided to the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners, that beginning with the 2020 crop year and on going, a drought is occurring in Umatilla County and that protective actions may be or are required to protect the Citizens of Umatilla County;

WHEREAS the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has designated Umatilla County as a contiguous disaster county due to drought, enabling producers in the County eligible for emergency aid, with a moderate drought monitor condition;

WHEREAS the Governor has made the determination that a state of drought emergency exists in Union County;

WHEREAS portions of Umatilla County have received 25% of normal rates of precipitation;

WHEREAS Cold Springs Reservoir is 65% full with 24.5 thousand acre feet and McKay Reservoir storage on April 19, 2021 was 61.4 thousand acre feet or 86% full;

WHEREAS the US Drought Monitor released April 15, 2021, places the far west area of the county, including the Cities of Hermiston and Umatilla, in Severe Drought Classification (D2), and this classification has been in place for at least 8 consecutive weeks during this crop year;

WHEREAS unless weather conditions improve substantially to above normal conditions, water users who rely on stored water will have a shortened water use season, and depending upon the priority date of their water right, water users who rely on stream flows will have substantially less water available and a shortened water use season.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners orders that:

1. A state of emergency exists in Umatilla County due to drought conditions.

2. Due to the state of emergency, the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners does hereby request and entreat the Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, to:

(A) Declare a "State of Emergency", a drought, to exist in Umatilla County, Oregon;

(B) Direct the Oregon Water Resources Department to provide all available means of assistance to Umatilla County agricultural producers.

(C) Direct Office of Emergency Management to coordinate and assist as needed to address current and projected conditions in Umatilla County.

(D) Direct all other state agencies to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as determined necessary to assist those affected in Umatilla County.

DATED this 20th day of April, 2021.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



George L. Murdock, Chair



John M. Shafer, Commissioner



Daniel N. Dorran, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS



Records Officer

