

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MORROW COUNTY, OREGON**

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING)
A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY)
IN MORROW COUNTY)

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-12

THIS MATTER COMING BEFORE THE Morrow County Board of Commissioners sitting as the County governing body on April 28, 2021, at a regularly scheduled meeting;

WHEREAS, information has been provided to the Morrow County Board of Commissioners that a drought is occurring in Morrow County and that protective actions may be or are required to protect the citizens of Morrow County (Attachment A);

WHEREAS, over half of Morrow County is currently in severe drought designation, and the rest of Morrow County is either in moderate drought or abnormally dry designations according to the U.S. Drought Monitor as of April 23, 2021 (Attachment A);

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;

WHEREAS, the above conditions will result in severe economic hardship to Morrow County, including shortages of livestock forage, loss of agricultural interests, and increased chance of wildfire;

WHEREAS, the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District, local farmers, and ranchers support the emergency declaration of drought in Morrow County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners resolves that:

1. A state of emergency exists in Morrow County due to drought conditions.
2. Due to the state of emergency, the Morrow 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 Morrow County, Oregon;
- B. Direct the Oregon Water Resources Department to provide all available means of assistance to Morrow County agricultural producers.
- C. Direct Office of Emergency Management to coordinate and assist as needed, to address current and projected conditions in Morrow 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 Morrow County.

Dated this 28th day of April 2021.

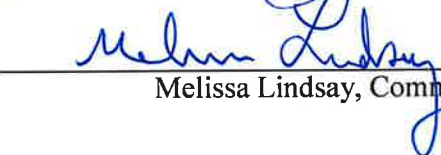
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