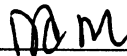


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

A Resolution Declaring a Countywide State of
Emergency and Requesting State Declaration of
Drought Emergency within all of Deschutes
County

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-036

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309 and the Deschutes County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) authorize the county governing body to declare a state of emergency within the county or within a designated portion of the county; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions endanger crops and livestock, endanger the health and safety of the county's population, jeopardize economic vitality within the county, and imperil the quality of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Deschutes Basin Board of Control has informed Deschutes County that continuing extreme weather conditions within the county are likely to cause widespread and severe damage to livestock, wildlife, natural resources, recreation, tourism and related economies; and

WHEREAS, the Deschutes Basin snowpack, which feeds all water sources within the county is at 38% of average and the latest drought monitor shows most of Deschutes County is currently under extreme or exceptional drought; and

WHEREAS, Wickiup Reservoir peaked on April 1st at 115,800 acre feet, the lowest peak of the reservoir since it was built; and

WHEREAS, Crescent Lake is at 28% capacity and will like be drained for the first time in 30 years; and

WHEREAS, it is expected Wickiup Reservoir and Crescent Lake Reservoir will be drained by August, which is the first time both reservoirs have been drained at the same time since they were constructed; and

WHEREAS, the low water levels at Wickiup Reservoir will cause impacts to fishing and recreating; and

WHEREAS, the Deschutes River is experiencing extremely low natural flow levels such that all irrigation districts dependent upon water flows from the Deschutes River will be impacted; and

WHEREAS, Deschutes County encourages smart water management, flexibility and innovation relative to water usage, and equitable water sharing plans throughout the central Oregon region, and

WHEREAS, the extended weather forecast for Central Oregon projects higher than normal temperatures and below average precipitation, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to ORS 401.309, the Deschutes County EOP, and information provided to Deschutes County by the Deschutes Basin Board of Control, a State of Emergency is presently declared within Deschutes County.

Section 2. Pursuant to ORS 401.032(2), the governing body for Deschutes County finds that the appropriate response is beyond the capability of Deschutes County.

Section 3. The governing body for Deschutes County respectfully submits the Request contained immediately below in Section 4.

Section 4. Request: The Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, declare a Drought Emergency for all of Deschutes County under the provisions of ORS 401.165 and ORS Chp. 536 due to severe and continuing drought conditions beginning at this time and continuing to October 31, 2021 ; and direct the Oregon Department of Water Resources and other Oregon executive branch agencies to make available for all purveyors of water within Deschutes County Temporary Transfers of Water Rights, Emergency Water Use Permits, and Use of Existing Right Option/Agreement; and other federal and state drought assistance and programs as needed.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its adoption.

Dated this 26 of May 2021

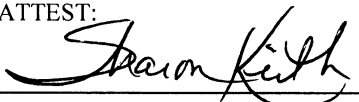
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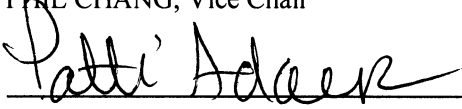
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PATTI ADAIR, Commissioner