



IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO

IN THE MATTER OF A DECLARATION AND REQUEST TO DECLARE A STATE DROUGHT EMERGENCY FOR WASCO COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER #20-032

NOW ON THIS DAY, the above-entitled matter having come on regularly for consideration, said day being one duly set in term for the transaction of public business and a majority of the Board of Commissioners being present; and

IT APPEARING TO THE BOARD: That Effective March 12, 2021, Secretary of Agriculture, Thomas Vilsack, declared a natural disaster in JACKSON and WASCO County in Oregon, due to losses caused by drought beginning March 15, 2021.; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: That Effective April 19, 2021, Secretary of Agriculture, Thomas Vilsack, declared a natural disaster in BAKER, CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON and KLAMATH County in Oregon, due to losses caused by drought beginning April 15, 2021. As a result, the following Wasco County in Oregon was named as contiguous county, where eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency (EM) loan assistance; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: That extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate suffering of people and livestock and to mitigate economic loss and to be responsive to the threat of wildfires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the Wasco County Board of Commissioners that:

1. A local disaster is declared within Wasco County.
2. The Wasco County drought Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. Pursuant to ORS 401.165, we find that appropriate response is beyond the capability of Wasco County. We are declaring a state of emergency for the purpose of assessment, evaluation and acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available resources.
4. Request: The Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, declare a Drought Emergency for all of Wasco County under the provisions 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 Wasco 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 superseding any previous declarations of drought emergency.

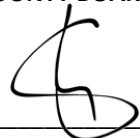
DATED this 5th Day of May, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen Campbell, County Counsel

WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



Scott C. Hege, Commission Chair



Kathleen B. Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Steven D. Kramer, County Commissioner