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WATER RESOURCES DEPT
SALEM, OREGON

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04 - 06

DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN BAKER COUNTY DUE TO DROUGHT AND LOW WATER CONDITIONS.

Pursuant to ORS 401.055, I find that ongoing drought and low water conditions and weather patterns have the potential to cause an imminent natural and economic disaster in Baker County (the "Effected County"). Projected weather patterns are not expected to significantly alleviate the current conditions; drought conditions are continuing. These conditions are expected to have profound consequences on the Effected County's agricultural, livestock, and natural resources and are likely to result in stark economic impacts.

Current conditions are being addressed by state agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Water Resources, and Oregon Emergency Management.

A timely response to this situation being vital to the well being and economic security of the citizens and businesses of the Effected County, I am therefore declaring a "state of drought emergency" in the Effected County and directing the following activities;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

- I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources available to mitigate conditions and to effect agricultural recovery in the Effected County.
- II. The Department of Water Resources is directed to coordinate and provide assistance and regulation for the Effected County as it determines is necessary in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.
- III. The Office of Emergency Management is directed to coordinate and assist as needed with assessment and mitigation activities to address current and projected conditions in the Effected County.
- IV. All other departments are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as determined essential to assist affected political subdivisions in the Effected County.

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V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2004

Done at Salem, Oregon this 11th day of June, 2004.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

