



IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO

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

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**RESOLUTION 22-008**

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 FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: That the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting persistent drought, above average temperatures and below average precipitation in Wasco County through at least August 31, 2020; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: That as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, by the Oregon Natural Resources Conservation Service states that long-term precipitation deficits remain stable or have increased for most major basins in southwestern Oregon and areas east of the Cascades; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: That the NOAA Drought Monitor classifies a significant portion of Wasco County in severe to extreme drought conditions with elevated risks of wildfire as well as negative impacts to livestock and agriculture; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: That the US Department of Agriculture has designated Wasco County as a Primary Natural Disaster Area; 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:

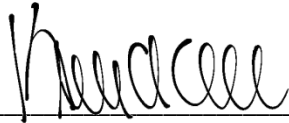
1. A local disaster is declared within Wasco County.
2. The Wasco County drought Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. Pursuant to ORS 401.165, we find that appropriate response is beyond the capability of Wasco County. We are declaring a state of emergency for the purpose of assessment, 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 and ORS Chapter 536 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 1<sup>st</sup> Day of June, 2022.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Kristen Campbell, County Counsel

**WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**



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Kathleen B. Schwartz, Commission Chair



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Steven D. Kramer, Vice-Chair



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Scott C. Hege, County Commissioner