

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-12

DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN BAKER COUNTY.

At the request of Baker County (through Baker County Board of Commissioners Proclamation, dated June 18, 2025), and based on the recommendations of the Drought Readiness Council and input from the Water Supply Availability Committee dated July 7, 2025, and pursuant to ORS 536.740, I find that long-term, persistent drought conditions as well as above normal temperature and below normal precipitation, streamflows, and soil moisture conditions have caused or will cause natural and economic disaster conditions in Baker County.

Forecasted water supply conditions and precipitation levels suggest that Baker County drought conditions are unlikely to improve in the near-term. Drought is likely to have a significant economic impact on the agricultural, livestock, natural resource and recreational tourism sectors in Baker County.

Conditions continue to be monitored by the State's natural resource and public safety agencies, including the Oregon Water Resources Department, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Oregon Department of Forestry's Fire Protection Division.

Preparation and resiliency to drought are vital to the health and safety of persons, property, and the economic security of the citizens and businesses of these counties. I, therefore, declare that a severe, continuing drought emergency exists and is likely to continue to exist in Baker County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

- I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources to mitigate drought conditions and assist in agricultural recovery in Baker County.



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- II. The Oregon Water Resources Department and the Water Resources Commission are directed to coordinate and provide assistance to water users in Baker County as the Department and Commission determine necessary and appropriate in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.
- III. The Oregon Water Resources Department is directed to seek information from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to help understand the impacts of water availability on Oregon's fish and wildlife, as necessary and appropriate in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.
- IV. 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 Baker County.
- V. All other state agencies are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and provide appropriate state resources as needed to assist affected political subdivisions and water users in Baker County.
- VI. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2025.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 10th day of July, 2025.

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Tobias Read
SECRETARY OF STATE