

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
2 **FOR LINCOLN COUNTY OREGON**

3 In the Matter of: ) **ORDER NO. 07-25-283**  
4 Declaration of Local Disaster and Request to )  
5 Declare a State Drought Emergency for )  
6 Lincoln County, Oregon )

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8 WHEREAS, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025, the Lincoln County Board of  
9 Commissioners finds that the Lincoln County agricultural industries and related economy are  
10 suffering widespread and sever economic damage, potential injuries, and loss of property  
11 resulting from extreme weather conditions within the county; and.

12 WHEREAS, annual water supplies available for farm, forest, recreation, and  
13 natural uses within Lincoln county are a function of available water in the Siletz River and in  
14 various tributaries and other rivers' water supplies are in serious jeopardy; and

15 WHEREAS, streamflows on the Siletz, Alsea, and Yachats Rivers are currently at  
16 or below historic lows, with the Siletz River reporting just 22% of its average flow, a new record  
17 low for mid-June. The Alsea River is at 40% of its average flow, while the Yachats River is at  
18 49% of average. Streamflows are also notably lower in smaller streams. Beaver Creek already  
19 has low streamflows typical of late August and September.

20 WHEREAS, the extended weather forecast for Lincoln County projects higher  
21 than normal temperatures, and below average precipitation; and

22 WHEREAS, the above conditions result in loss of economic stability, lost growing  
23 season, and decreased water supplies for Lincoln County agricultural producers. In addition,  
24 this cumulative drought has resulted in decreased fuel moisture and early onset fire danger.  
25 The Lincoln County Fire Defense Board has already declared a ban on outdoor yard debris  
26 burning countywide; and

27 WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners determines that  
28 extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate suffering of people, natural resources, and  
29 to protect or mitigate economic loss, and to be responsive to the threat of wildfires,

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that:

1. A local Disaster is declared within Lincoln County.

- 1 2. Pursuant to ORS 401.015(2), we find that appropriate response is beyond the capability  
2 of Lincoln County. We are declaring a state of emergency for the purpose of  
3 assessment, evaluation, and acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available  
4 resources.
- 5 3. Request: The Honorable Tina Kotek, Governor of Oregon, declare a Drought Emergency  
6 for all of Lincoln County under the provision of ORS 401.055 due to severe and  
7 continuing drought conditions beginning at this time and continuing for an unknown  
8 period of time; and direct the Oregon Department of Water Resources to make  
9 available in Lincoln County appropriate and available tools and resources to alleviate  
10 drought conditions and impacts and to provide other federal and state drought  
11 assistance and programs as needed.
- 12 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025.

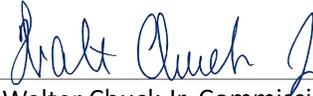
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