

Before the Board of Commissioners
for Coos County, Oregon

In the Matter of Declaring)
a Local Drought Emergency in)
Coos County and Requesting)
a Governor's Declaration of)
a State of Emergency.)

RESOLUTION.: 26-04-029L

Now before the Board of Commissioners, sitting for the transaction of County business on the 7th day of April, 2026 is the matter of declaring a local drought emergency.

WHEREAS, current drought monitoring by the U.S. Drought Monitor classifies Coos County as Abnormally Dry to Moderate Drought (D1).

Whereas, Southwest Oregon has recorded the largest precipitation deficit measuring between 1.5 to 4.5 inches below normal. The lack of significant rainfall has caused agriculture growers great concern about their ability to irrigate for the season;

WHEREAS, temperatures over the last several weeks have been 5 to 10 degrees above normal causing soil moisture to be very low. This will affect livestock forage, causing growth to be much smaller;

WHEREAS, Coos County relies heavily on-stream flow for both domestic water use and irrigation, and many domestic water wells, declining flow causes slower recovery rates, posing an imminent threat to public health and safety;

WHEREAS, forecasted drought persistence increases the risk of wildfires, which could further harm public infrastructure, natural resources, and economic stability;

WHEREAS, Coos County does not possess adequate local resources to mitigate or respond to the compounding effects of the drought emergency;

Whereas, the predicted severity and magnitude of this emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of Coos County, and

Whereas, Coos County has determined that there is a need for extraordinary state assistance to respond to the emergency condition,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a local drought emergency is declared within Coos County;

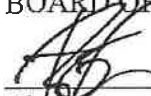
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate response is beyond the capability of Coos County and that a local emergency is declared for the purpose of assessment, evaluation, and acquisition of necessary state and federal resources;

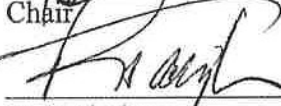
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Honorable Tina Kotek, Governor of Oregon, declare that a State of Emergency exists for all of Coos County under the provisions of ORS Chapter 536, due to the continuing and worsening drought conditions beginning now and continuing through December 31, 2026;

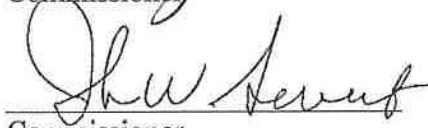
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners also requests that Governor Kotek urge the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to issue a Disaster Declaration for Coos County to assist local farmers and ranchers in responding to and recovering from agricultural losses.

DATED this 7 th day of April, 2026

BOARD OF COOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Chair


Commissioner


Commissioner

Approved as to form:

Office of Legal Counsel