

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY, OREGON**

In the Matter of Declaring a Drought     )  
Emergency in Curry County                 ) Resolution No. R2022-08  
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**WHEREAS** precipitation in the month of March was below average throughout Oregon. Curry County, specifically, received 30-50% less precipitation than the 1981-2010 average, and streamflow was recorded at only 37% of the average March levels.

**WHEREAS** due to the lack of rainfall and trend of higher temperatures, 100% of Curry County is considered to be in D1 (Moderate Drought) status, with slightly over 19% of the County considered to be experiencing D2 (Severe Drought) status as of April 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS** 2022 is, to date, the third driest year in the past 128 years;

**WHEREAS** local agricultural interests rely on stream flow water for irrigation as opposed to reservoir storage;

**WHEREAS** the available seasonal outlook information does not demonstrate the potential for recovery as below-normal precipitation levels for are spring and early fall;

**WHEREAS** the above conditions have the potential to result in severe economic hardship to Curry County, including shortages of livestock forage, smaller than average hay crops, loss of agricultural interests, severe impact to domestic water wells, and increased chance of wildfires;

**WHEREAS** Curry County does not have adequate resources to respond to these threats nor to provide adequate risk mitigation to all citizens;

**WHEREAS** the Curry County Board of Commissioners has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect or mitigate economic and agricultural loss and to be responsive to the threat of wildfires.

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

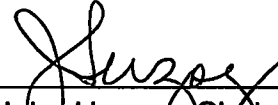
**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate response is beyond the capability of Curry County and a local emergency is declared for the purpose of assessment, evaluation and acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available resources;

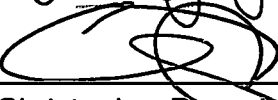
**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, declare that a State of Drought Emergency exists for all of Curry County under the provision of ORS 536 due to severe and continuing drought conditions beginning at this time and continuing until December 31, 2022.

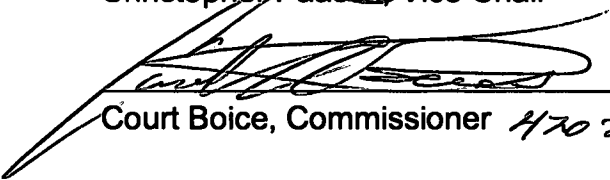
**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, direct the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to issue a Disaster Declaration for Curry County.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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