



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03-12

DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN UNION COUNTY DUE TO DROUGHT AND LOW WATER CONDITIONS.

Pursuant to ORS 401.055, I find that ongoing drought and low water conditions and weather patterns have the potential to cause an imminent natural and economic disaster in Union County (the "Affected County"). Projected weather patterns are not expected to significantly alleviate the current conditions; drought conditions are continuing. These conditions are expected to have profound consequences on the Affected County's agricultural, livestock, and natural resources and are likely to result in stark economic impacts.

Current conditions are being addressed by state agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Water Resources, and Oregon Emergency Management.

A timely response to this situation being vital to the well being and economic security of the citizens and businesses of the Affected County, I am therefore declaring a "state of drought emergency" in the Affected County and directing the following activities;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources available to mitigate conditions and effect agricultural recovery in the Affected County.

II. The Department of Water Resources is directed to coordinate and provide assistance and regulation for the Affected County as it determines is necessary in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.

III. 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 the Affected County.

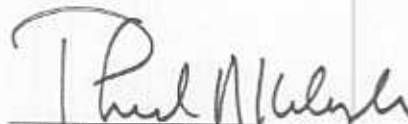
IV. All other departments are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as determined essential to assist affected political subdivisions in the Affected County.



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V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2003

Done at Salem, Oregon this 29 day of August, 2003



Theodore R. Kulongoski
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Bill Bradbury
SECRETARY OF STATE

