**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU TO PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO DROUGHT**

**WHEREAS**, annual water supplies available for agriculture, homes and municipalities within Siskiyou County are a function of both available storage in various reservoirs and the estimated seasonal inflow from winter snowpack, and;

**WHEREAS**, snowpack and water storage throughout the County are slightly above average, and;

**WHEREAS**, The United States Drought Monitor as of January 10, 2022, still includes a significant portion (72%) of Siskiyou County in D3 (Extreme Drought) and the western portions (16%) of the County in D2 (Severe Drought), and;

**WHEREAS**, intermittent dry conditions and lack of adequate precipitation continue to present problems for drinking water supplies in the cities and towns of Siskiyou County as well as unincorporated areas, and;

**WHEREAS**, animals and plants that rely on Siskiyou County’s rivers will be threatened, and; previous years’ heavy reliance on ground water has left inadequate aquifer recharge, and;

**WHEREAS**, water supplies for irrigators and the environment could be in serious jeopardy, and current conditions could very well result in loss of economic stability, pasture shortages, decrease in feed production, a shortened growing season, and;

**WHEREAS**, the low-income communities that are heavily dependent on agriculture employment may suffer heightened unemployment and economic hardship, and;

**WHEREAS**, current conditions could result in a potentially early, prolonged, and more intense fire season and increased risk for insect invasion and tree death, and;

**WHEREAS**, we find the appropriate response is beyond the capability of Siskiyou County, and that declaring a State of Emergency will assist the County, irrigators and others in assessing, evaluating and acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available resources, and;

**WHEREAS**, other resources have included a Governor’s Drought Declaration, and;

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2021, the United States Secretary of Agriculture issued a letter to Governor Newsom which designated fifty California counties, including Siskiyou, as primary natural disaster areas due to drought.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is declaring a Drought Emergency in Siskiyou County, California.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to the State Director of Emergency Services, and the Governor of California.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution will be brought back to the Board every sixty days for consideration of extension.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou on January 18, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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 Brandon A. Criss, Chair  
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Laura Bynum,  
County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy