

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 recharge of these aquifers is critical at this time of the year, 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;

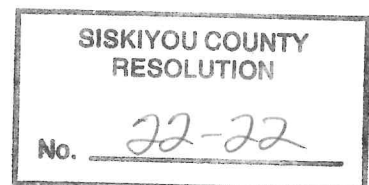
WHEREAS, the low-income communities that are heavily dependent on agriculture employment may suffer heightened unemployment and economic hardship, and;

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 thirty 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:

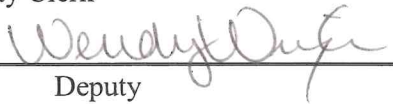
AYES: Supervisors Kobseff, Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Brandon A. Criss, Chair
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Laura Bynum,
County Clerk

By 

Deputy