



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07 - 10

**DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN
BAKER, HARNEY AND UNION COUNTIES 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 local adverse natural and economic disaster conditions in Baker, Harney and Union Counties. Projected weather patterns are not expected to significantly alleviate these conditions, and drought conditions are continuing. These conditions are expected to have significant economic impact on Baker, Harney and Union Counties' agricultural, livestock and natural resources.

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 is vital to the well being and economic security of the citizens and businesses of these Counties, therefore, I am declaring a "state of drought emergency" in Baker, Harney and Union Counties and directing the following activities;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources available to mitigate conditions and affect agricultural recovery in Baker, Harney and Union Counties.
2. The Department of Water Resources is directed to coordinate and provide assistance and regulation for Baker, Harney and Union Counties as it determines is necessary in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.
3. 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 Baker, Harney and Union Counties.
4. 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 Baker, Harney and Union Counties.



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5. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2007.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 16th day of August, 2007.



Theodore R. Keulongaki
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jean Straight
SECRETARY OF STATE