



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15-06

**DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN
GILLIAM, JEFFERSON, COOS AND DOUGLAS COUNTIES DUE TO
DROUGHT, LOW SNOW PACK LEVELS, AND LOW WATER
CONDITIONS**

At the request of Gilliam County (by Resolution 2015-07 dated June 3, 2015), Jefferson County (by Resolution R-014-15 dated June 3, 2015), Coos County (by Resolution 15-06-080L dated June 11, 2015), and Douglas County (by Resolution 2015-0458 dated June 10, 2015), and based on the recommendations of the Drought Council and the Water Availability Committee, and pursuant to ORS 401.165 and ORS 536.740, I find the continuing dry conditions, low snowpack, and lack of precipitation have caused natural and economic disaster conditions in Gilliam, Jefferson, Coos and Douglas counties.

Projected precipitation and climatic conditions are not expected to alleviate the continuing drought conditions, and the drought is having significant economic and other impacts on communities and agricultural, livestock, and natural resources in Gilliam, Jefferson, Coos and Douglas counties.

The dry conditions present hardships for these communities: crops, agricultural and other economic interests are at risk; animals and plants that rely on Oregon's surface water supplies are threatened; and the risk of wildfires across the state is greatly increased. Current conditions are being monitored and analyzed by state agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Water Resources, and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

A timely response to the drought conditions is vital to the safety of persons, property and economic security of the citizens and businesses of Gilliam, Jefferson, Coos and Douglas counties. I am therefore declaring that a severe, continuing drought emergency exists in Gilliam, Jefferson, Coos and Douglas counties, and directing the following actions.



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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

- I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources to mitigate drought conditions and assist in agricultural recovery in Gilliam, Jefferson, Coos and Douglas counties.
- II. The Department of Water Resources and the Water Resources Commission are directed to coordinate and provide assistance to water users in Gilliam, Jefferson, Coos and Douglas counties as they determine is necessary and appropriate 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 Gilliam, Jefferson, Coos and Douglas counties.
- IV. All other state agencies are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as determined necessary to assist affected political subdivisions water users and other affected interests in Gilliam, Jefferson, Coos and Douglas counties.



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V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2015.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 11th day of June, 2015.

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KATE BROWN
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanne P. Atkins".

Jeanne P. Atkins
SECRETARY OF STATE

