

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-18

DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN MORROW, DOUGLAS, AND UNION COUNTIES.

At the request of Morrow County (by Morrow County Board of Commissioners Resolution No. R-2025-08, dated July 2, 2025), Douglas County (by Order of Douglas County Board of County Commissioners, 2025-0832, dated July 16, 2025), and Union County (by Union County Board of Commissioners Resolution 2025-15, dated July 16, 2025) and based on the recommendations of the Drought Readiness Council and input from the Water Supply Availability Committee dated July 20, 2025 (Morrow County) and July 31, 2025 (Douglas and Union Counties) and pursuant to ORS 536.740, I find that persistent moderate and severe drought conditions as well as below normal precipitation, above normal temperature and below normal streamflows and soil moisture conditions have caused or will cause natural and economic disaster conditions in Morrow County, Douglas County, and Union County (hereinafter "Counties").

Forecasts suggest that below normal precipitation and streamflow conditions are likely to continue in the Counties following an extended period during spring and early summer with drier and warmer than normal conditions. Without sustained precipitation, drought conditions are likely to persist or intensify in the Counties. Drought is likely to have a significant economic impact on the agricultural, livestock, natural resource and recreational tourism sectors and increase the risk of wildfire in the Counties.

Conditions continue to be monitored by the State's natural resource and public safety agencies, including the Oregon Water Resources Department, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Oregon Department of Forestry's Fire Protection Division.

Preparation and resiliency to drought are vital to the health and safety of people, property, and the economic security of the citizens and businesses of these counties. I, therefore, declare that a severe, continuing drought emergency exists and is likely to continue to exist in the Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

- 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 Morrow, Douglas, and Union Counties.

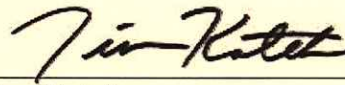


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- II. The Oregon Water Resources Department and the Water Resources Commission are directed to coordinate and provide assistance to water users in Morrow, Douglas, and Union Counties as the Department and Commission determine necessary and appropriate in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.
- III. The Oregon Water Resources Department is directed to seek information from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to help understand the impacts of water availability on Oregon's fish and wildlife, as necessary and appropriate in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.
- IV. 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 Morrow, Douglas, and Union Counties.
- V. All other state agencies are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and provide appropriate state resources as needed to assist affected political subdivisions and water users in Morrow, Douglas, and Union Counties.
- VI. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2025.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 1st day of August, 2025.




Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Tobias Read
SECRETARY OF STATE