

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Certified Copy of Portion of Proceedings for the Meeting of July 20, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 21-77

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO DROUGHT**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency when the county is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of disaster or of extreme peril; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the Humboldt County Drought Task Force created by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on May 25, 2021, the **Board of Supervisors does hereby find that conditions of severe risk to the safety of persons and property and the integrity of natural and cultural resources have arisen within Humboldt County due to drought**; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2021, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the County of Humboldt; on April 7, 2021, the U.S. Small Business Administration issued a Disaster Declaration in the County of Humboldt; on May 10, 2021, California Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency for drought in the County of Humboldt; on May 25, 2021, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors established a Drought Task Force; on May 27, 2021, the Yurok Tribe declared a State of Emergency due to drought in the Klamath Basin and Yurok Reservation; on June 1, 2021, the Karuk Tribe declared a Climate Emergency in the Klamath Basin and Karuk Territory; on June 14, 2021, the Wiyot Tribal Council declared a State of Emergency on the Eel River, Mad River, Elk River, and Van Duzen River; on June 22, 2021, the City of Rio Dell declared a drought emergency; on July 13, 2021, the City of Trinidad declared a drought emergency; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the County of Humboldt is experiencing drought conditions ranging from “Moderate Drought” to “Extreme Drought” as reported on the U.S. Drought Monitor; and

WHEREAS, prolonged drought conditions will have substantial negative impacts to stream and river flows, water supply, agriculture, natural and cultural resources, public health, and wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, the level of impact varies by geographic area, watershed, water supply source, and the level of community preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the imminent threat posed by aforesaid conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency to enable the County of Humboldt and other local government entities to adequately plan, prepare and implement policy to be able to effectively respond to the threat posed by drought, and to warn Humboldt County residents and visitors of the threat posed by drought and enable them sufficient time to plan and prepare;

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt will continue to develop potential short, medium, and long-term actions for a coordinated, county-wide response.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a Local Emergency now exists throughout the County of Humboldt, and

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IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the emergency organization of this county shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances and resolutions of this county, and by the County of Humboldt Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors in April of 2015, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California, to ensure the County of Humboldt is included in any emergency declaration issued by the President of the United States of America, and to waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Dated: 7/20/2021

Virginia Bass
Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Bushnell, Seconded by Supervisor Wilson, and the following vote:

AYES: Bohn, Bushnell, Wilson, Bass, Madrone

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Humboldt

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

Kathy Hayes

KATHY HAYES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California