

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION No. _____

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO DROUGHT
CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTY OF LAKE AND REQUESTING IMMEDIATE STATE
AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Sheriff in his capacity as the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Lake, proclaimed a local emergency on May 6, 2021 due to drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is in the second consecutive year of extremely dry conditions due to historically low rainfall totals; and

WHEREAS, to date in Lake County, rainfall totals for the current water year are 33% of their average, and currently below the rainfall total for the same time period as our previous declared drought emergency in 2014; and

WHEREAS, water levels on Clear Lake are at near historic lows for this time of year rendering multiple boat ramps unsafe for use prior to the beginning of summer; and

WHEREAS, multiple watercraft have already run aground in areas of the lake which are normally accessible during non-drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2021 the adjacent County of Mendocino declared a local emergency due to drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021 the adjacent County of Sonoma proclaimed a local emergency due to drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2021, in accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture designated 50 California counties, including Lake County, as primary natural disaster areas due to drought; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County agriculture industry relies on water sources for frost protection, watering of crops, and watering of livestock, and is placed in great jeopardy due to the current drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, many private residences rely on wells to provide drinking water for their households; and

WHEREAS, the adverse environmental, economic, health, welfare and social impacts of the drought pose an imminent threat of disaster and threaten to cause widespread potential harm to people, businesses, agriculture, property, communities, the environment, historical and archaeological significant sites, wildlife, and recreation in the County of Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 5.1 of the Lake County Code that the Lake County Board of Supervisors ratifies the Sheriff's proclamation and proclaims that a local emergency exists throughout the County of Lake due to drought conditions; and

IT IS ORDERED that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinance and resolutions of this County, approved by the Board of Supervisors, and by the Lake Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during the existence of this local emergency, upon concurrence of the Water Resources Director, either the Director of Emergency Services or the Director of Public Services may cause public, County maintained boat launches on the shores of Clear Lake to be closed for use when lake levels render them unsafe, and for the ramps to remain closed to public use until such time as deemed safe by the Water Resources Director, Public Services Director, or Board of Supervisors.

IT IS REQUESTED that the Governor of the State of California streamline regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, make available California Disaster Assistance Act funding for this State of Emergency, and seek all available forms of Federal disaster assistance and relief programs, to include a Presidential Declaration of Emergency; and

IT IS REQUESTED that all residents of Lake County take steps to conserve water by practicing water conservation efforts, including, but not limited to repairing leaking plumbing, limiting non-essential watering, limiting car washing, filling bathtubs halfway or less, using high-efficiency appliances, reducing shower times, only washing full loads of laundry, turning off water when brushing teeth or shaving, planting drought resistant landscaping, and implementing other practices that reduce water consumption; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors and that, at intervals of no more than thirty (30) days, a report on the most recent conditions of emergency shall be presented

to the Board of Supervisors for a determination of whether emergency conditions continue to exist.

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

THIS PROCLAMATION was passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake at a regular meeting thereof held on May 11, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

COUNTY OF LAKE

Bruno Sabatier, Chairperson
Lake County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
CAROL HUCHINGSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANITA L. GRANT
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy
