

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION

NO.: 2015-076

DECLARATION OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: A Drought Emergency was declared including Kittitas County and the Yakima River Basin by Governor Inslee on March 13, 2015. Kittitas County is experiencing record-low snow pack and water supply conditions and water users within Kittitas County will likely incur undue hardship as a result of this shortage; and

WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners determined that the adverse environmental, economic, and social impacts of the drought pose an imminent threat of disaster and will likely cause harm for people, businesses, property, communities, wildlife and recreation in Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS: Kittitas County has a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan that identifies drought as a natural disaster of significant concern in Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners have determined that additional damage or economic injury will likely take place unless further efforts to qualify for drought assistance are taken.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, in the best interest of the public, does hereby declare a Drought Emergency in Kittitas County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following additional actions are authorized:

1. Additional analysis of the drought and preparation of a Drought Response Plan, consistent with the Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan in partnership with the Kittitas County Conservation District and others;
2. Communication of the emergency state to appropriate State and Federal Agencies;
3. This Declaration of Drought Emergency shall be reevaluated no later than December 31, 2015 to be determined if continuation of the Declaration is necessary;

DATED this 5th day of May, 2015 at Ellensburg, Washington.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Gary Berndt, Chairman



Obie O'Brien, Vice-Chairman



Paul Jewell, Commissioner


ATTEST
CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie A. Kjorsvik