

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
MEETING (X) Discussion only

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FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Flooding Emergency Proclamation

<p>Background:</p> <p>Due to the flooding that occurred in areas of Umatilla County beginning May 29, and extending to June 13, 2022, an emergency declaration is sought. The declaration will assist in obtaining resources to respond to the flooding, and potential mitigation for future flooding.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Adopt Order No. BCC2022-047</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Order

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Checkoffs:

- () Dept. Head (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- (X) Legal (copy)
- () (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: July 28, 2022

Action taken:

Follow-up:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

Umatilla County, Oregon)
Proclamation of Flooding) Order No. BCC2022-047
Emergency)

WHEREAS this matter came before the Board of Commissioners at an emergency meeting on July 28, 2022, involving emergency situation created by flooding in Umatilla County, including the communities of Pendleton and Echo;

WHEREAS significant rainfall resulted in stream flows higher than normal, and flooding in a number of areas in Umatilla County, beginning May 29, 2022 and lasting through June 13, 2022;

WHEREAS the National Weather Service issued a real watch beginning May 28, 2022 for Umatilla County;

WHEREAS flooding occurred for Tutuilla Creek, McKay Creek and Umatilla River;

WHEREAS flooding occurred in areas of the Cities of Pendleton and Echo;

WHEREAS within the City of Echo local resources were exhausted and the City Council is in the process of declaring an emergency;

WHEREAS localized flooding has occurred in and around the areas of Pendleton and Echo, resulting in flooding of agricultural areas, buildings and roadways, causing potential losses to crops and livestock and loss of farm ground, and damage to county road infrastructure;

WHEREAS the Umatilla County Emergency Manager has concluded that local resources cannot handle the situation and that an emergency should be declared.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners orders that:

1. Under the emergency powers granted by ORS 401.309, declares that a State of Emergency existed within Umatilla County due to the fact that local resources had been exhausted in responding to flooding.

2. The Umatilla County's Office of Emergency Management is directed to take all necessary steps authorized by law to secure the persons and property of the citizens of Umatilla County.

3. This declaration of emergency began May 28, 2022, and shall continue so long as the conditions existed that resulted in the flooding, but no later than June 30, 2022.

DATED this 28th day of July, 2022.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John M. Shafer, Chair

Daniel N. Dorran, Commissioner

George L. Murdock, Commissioner

ATTEST:
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

Records Officer