

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**Certified Copy of Portion of Proceedings for the Meeting of February 7, 2023**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RE-AUTHORIZING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO DROUGHT FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 7, 2023, THROUGH MARCH 7, 2023 PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

**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 said county is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of disaster or of extreme peril and the, 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 said county, caused by 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; and on June 22, 2021, the City of Rio Dell 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; and

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**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

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that 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 (charter) ordinances, and resolutions of this county, and by the County of Humboldt Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 2015, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California; ensuring the County of Humboldt is included in an emergency declaration issued by the President of the United States of America and 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 Office of Emergency Services

Dated: February 7, 2023

  
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Steve Madrone, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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

AYES:                    Bohn, Bushnell, Wilson, Bass, Madrone  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:



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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.



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NIKKI TURNER  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California