

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MORROW COUNTY, OREGON**

An Order Declaring a)
Local State of Emergency)
In Morrow County)

Order No. OR-2022-7

WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for the Morrow County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter, the “Board”) to act as an emergency management agency, including the authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309 authorizes the Board to declare that a state of emergency exists in Morrow County and to establish procedures to prepare for and carry out any activity to prevent, minimize, respond to or recover from an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions have resulted in the need for a local state of emergency: Concern over high levels of nitrates have been found to exist in rural domestic wells used for drinking water; and

WHEREAS, high concentrations of nitrates in drinking water are a health concern of the Morrow County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the initial location of concern is found to be in rural areas (with dwellings) in the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA); and

WHEREAS, the Morrow County Public Health Director and the Morrow County Emergency Manager agree that an emergency declaration is necessary based on the aforementioned details and the need for the County to quickly respond to any issues raised by the situation in Morrow County; now therefore,

THE MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, hereby ORDERS as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to ORS 401.309, the Morrow County Board of Commissioners formally declares a state of emergency for Morrow County, effective on this 9th day of June 2022 and continuing until the 31st day of December 2022, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 2. Upon this declaration of a state of emergency, the Board of Commissioners (and/or designees) shall be authorized to take and/or direct such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency as authorized by ORS.

Section 3. Commissioners, County Administrator, County Public Health Director, and County Emergency Manager shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency including, but not limited to, coordinating with the State of Oregon and the federal government in order to qualify Morrow County for all available state and federal emergency assistance, including but not limited to use of shared resources, and financial assistance and reimbursements from state and federal agencies.

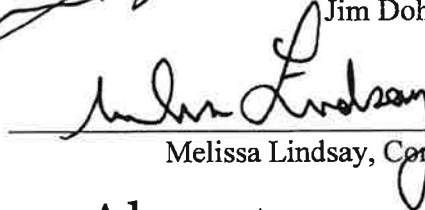
Section 4. Emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), and contracting rules.

Section 5. This Order is effective upon signing.

Adopted this 9th day of June 2022

**MORROW COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**


Jim Doherty, Chair


Melissa Lindsay, Commissioner

Absent

Don Russell, Commissioner

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I, Bobbi Childers, County Clerk for Morrow County, Oregon, certify that the instrument identified herein was recorded in the Clerk records.

Bobbi Childers - County Clerk

