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Drought Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS all of Butte County has failed to receive adequate precipitation over the past twelve months, and

WHEREAS the drought conditions have had a detrimental effect on the production capabilities of the agricultural industry which in turn severely effects the entire local economy, and

WHEREAS the lack of consistent precipitation has resulted in the lack of rainwater runoff and therefore, caused the livestock ponds, dams, and natural water holes to become severely depleted, and

WHEREAS, the lack of precipitation has resulted in abnormally low subsoil moisture resulting in widespread crop losses,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Butte County Commissioners declare that the current drought conditions have created a natural disaster within Butte County, and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that both farmers/ranchers and local businesses may be eligible for disaster aid grants and/or low interest Economic Injury Disaster loans from the Farm Service Agency and Small Business Administration.

Dated this 18th day of May 2021.

/s/: Karrol Herman
Karrol Herman, Chairperson

Attest: /s/: Elaine Jensen
Elaine Jensen, Butte County Auditor