

**WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 21-009**

DECLARATION OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (BOD) of the West Extension Irrigation District (WEID) recognize that Umatilla and Morrow Counties have declared a drought emergency, AND

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that drought conditions decrease available irrigation water supply thus endangering crops and livestock, increasing fire hazard, and increasing operational costs for the irrigation district, AND

WHEREAS, the BOD has previously adopted its Drought Contingency Plan (Plan) that allows for water curtailment and allocation procedures, AND

WHEREAS, the triggers for a drought, as outlined in Section D. of the Plan are met, NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOD of the WEID directs management follow the guidelines under Subsection E. of the Plan which allows for voluntary irrigation reductions, curtailment procedures, and allocation of water, as necessary.

As part of the water curtailment procedures implemented by the District, the Board supports these measures:

- Repair or upgrade its telemetry communication system
- Add off-site monitoring and control of the Irrigon Pump Station
- Install a VFD on pump 16D (only pump above 10Hp without a VFD)
- Eliminating the use of “big guns” on acres that cannot support such use
- Drought newsletter to be sent to all District patrons
- Continuing the District nozzle exchange policy
- Increased patrol of District by ditchriders
- Increased use of District enforcement and fine procedures for the purpose of conservation
- Working with Reclamation and irrigators for tighter management of the water in the canal. This includes a specific ON and OFF times window for varying parts of the District, asking irrigators to work within that window.
- Repeat offenders that are not metered may be required to purchase and install a meter at their cost so water use can be monitored.

BUDGET IMPACT: The various action mentioned above are already in the 2021 Budget, but there may be additional costs due to increased costs of materials and labor. There also may be increased pumping costs for the 2021 season from that budgeted.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT THIS 20th DAY OF MAY, 2021.




Dalarie Philippi, Chairman



Vern Frederickson, Vice Chairman



Robert Mueller, Director



Whitney Coffman, Director

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