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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL DROUGHT DISASTER
EMERGENCY IN CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO, AND ESTABLISHING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN EXPIRATION DATE FOR SAID
LOCAL EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1011 provides that the governing board of a political subdivision can declare and continue a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002(2) defines "Disaster" to mean the "... occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause ..."; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002(3) defines "Emergency" to mean the "... occurrence or imminent threat of a disaster or condition threatening life or property that requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to save lives and protect property or to avert or lessen the threat of a disaster."; and

WHEREAS, Cassia County, Idaho is a political subdivision of the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Cassia County is presently experiencing the occurrence of severe drought conditions that pose the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has been advised of the following, to-wit:

- Snowpack is well below normal, even at a record low in some locations;

- Streamflow is below normal and is projected to stay below normal;
- Oakley Reservoir level is below normal and it is projected that there may only be a 10-inch allocation of water, instead of the full allocation of 18-inches for users;
- Precipitation projection outlooks for the area are below normal; and
- Surface water availability for groundwater conservation is approximately fifty-percent (50%) of full supply;

WHEREAS, such drought conditions threaten crops and other property in Cassia County;

and

WHEREAS, the drought conditions in Cassia County are sufficiently severe that state emergency assistance is required to supplement local efforts to protect property and avert or lessen the threat of disaster-primarily by facilitating flexibility for emergency transfers and preventative planting insurance; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §42-222A authorizes the Director of the Department of Water Resources and the Governor of the State of Idaho to declare a drought emergency for an area, which allows temporary changes to the use of water rights in accordance with Idaho Code;

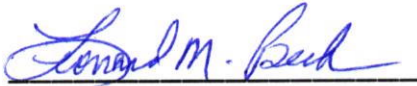
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Cassia County, Idaho, as follows:

1. That the current drought in Cassia County, Idaho be, and hereby is, declared a local disaster emergency; and
2. That this local drought emergency declaration shall begin when this Resolution is signed, and shall expire on December 31, 2026, unless otherwise terminated or extended by further resolution of the Board; and
3. That this Resolution will be given effect to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and
4. That this Resolution declaring a local drought emergency shall promptly be filed with the Recorder's Office of Cassia County, Idaho; and

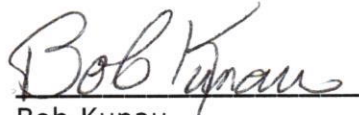
5. That this Resolution declaring a local drought emergency shall be given prompt, and general publicity by providing a copy of such to local media as a press release and by posting on the Cassia County website; and
6. That a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Director of the Department of Water Resources and to the Governor's Office, with the Board of Commissioner's request that the Department of Water Resources and the Governor of the State of Idaho declare a drought emergency for Cassia County, Idaho, and take such administrative actions as are available and as are necessary to lessen the severe impacts of drought conditions in Cassia County, Idaho.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of March, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO



Leonard M. Beck
Chair



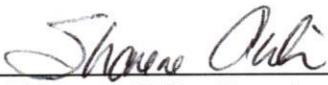
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