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SAN JUAN COUNTY UTAH
RESOLUTION NO 2022-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH PURSUANT TO U.C.A. 17-8-7

WHEREAS, the drought conditions thus far in 2022, creating a threat to human health and safety, the environment, the agricultural industry, potential wildfire rise, impacts to culinary, secondary and agriculture water supplies; as well as the general economy of San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing drought will likely cause many livestock producers in San Juan County to reduce the size of their herds and force many of them to import feed from other states which will create a major financial impact on livestock producers; and

WHEREAS, the continued lack of adequate precipitation, coupled with insect infestations and plant stress, will likely result in less than normal agricultural production upon San Juan County farms and ranches through 2022, as well as a reductions of forage growth on the public and private rangelands within San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, the use of public and private rangelands within San Juan County will likely be severely restricted or even temporarily suspended as a result of the continued lack of precipitation; and

WHEREAS, the long range weather forecast does not predict significant increases in precipitation in San Juan County and the State of Utah in general during 2022; and San Juan County is in the category of extreme drought; and

WHEREAS, with the current conditions fire restrictions will be put in place and that the availability for firefighting resources are expected to be limited; and

WHEREAS, fire restrictions and drought conditions will likely impact the visitor and tourism industry as many will make plans to go to other areas; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions will impact the ability of the San Juan County Road Department to properly and adequately maintain the County's roads; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of San Juan County Commissioners resolve and declare as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of Drought Emergency. Pursuant to 17-8-7, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, we, the Board of San Juan County Commissioners, do hereby declare that a drought emergency exists within the jurisdictional boundaries of San Juan County, Utah.

Section 2. The provisions of this declaration and the provisions adopted or incorporated by reference are severable and the provisions of other Resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

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Section 3. In the opinion of the Board of San Juan County Commissioners, it is necessary for the preservations of the peace, health and safety of the County and the inhabitants thereof that this resolution take effect immediately after approval and adoption.

Section 4. In consideration of the extreme drought situation this declaration will expire upon the Board of San Juan County Commissioners decision instead of the 30-day default.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this 7th day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

Those voting aye:

Those voting nay:

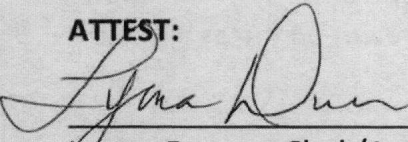
Those absent or abstaining:

BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Willie Grayeyes, Chair

ATTEST:



Lyman Duncan, Clerk/Auditor

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