

Executive Order 2007-10
Drought Declaration For The State of Arizona

WHEREAS, Arizona is entering its second decade of a statewide drought due to long-term precipitation deficits and increased demand for water; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 1999, Governor Hull declared a drought emergency (PCA 99006), which remains in effect today; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions continue to stress Arizona's resources and have had significant impacts on the citizens and commerce of the state, including increases in wild land fires, water supply shortages, vegetation and wildlife mortality, and economic losses in the ranching, agriculture and tourism sectors; and

WHEREAS, climate research has shown that although droughts lasting multiple decades are common in Arizona, they may be intensified by the effects of global climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Governor Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the state, do hereby determine that a continued declaration of drought is justified, and I hereby:

- A. Order continued implementation of the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* and *State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan*;
- B. Order the continued invocation of A.R.S. § 26-309 to provide mutual aid assistance to stricken areas of the state;
- C. Request assistance from the federal government for the appropriate federal disaster programs;
- D. Order state agencies to implement their water use reduction plans and assist in drought planning efforts across the state;
- E. Urge water facilities to develop and implement more aggressive drought and conservation plans and monitor water use; and
- F. Call upon citizens, businesses, schools, institutions of higher learning, local governments and federal agencies to increase water conservation efforts.

THIS ORDER supplements the directives in PCA 99006, which remains in effect. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR



DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this *21st* day of May in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE