

**RESOLUTION 2021 - 26**

**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