



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 08/02/10)

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Meeting Date: 9/23/2010

Agenda Item #: R-4

Est. Start Time: 10:15 am

Date Submitted: 9/16/2010

Agenda Title: Resolution Requesting Governor's Declaration of State of Emergency and Declaring an Emergency Requiring Immediate Board Action

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>09-23-10</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>5</u>
Department:	<u>Non-Departmental</u>	Division:	<u>Office of Emergency Management</u>
Contact(s):	<u>Dave Houghton</u>		
Phone:	<u>503-988-4580</u>	Ext.:	<u>84580</u>
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):	<u>Dave Houghton, Director</u>		
I/O Address:	<u>503/600</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of a resolution requesting Governor's declaration of state of emergency and declaring an emergency requiring immediate Board action

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

USDA Farm Service Agency for Clackamas/Multnomah Counties requested that the Boards of each county begin the process to declare these counties as disaster areas due to crop production losses resulting from three months of low temperatures and excessive rain from April through June. Farm Service Agency estimates the percentage of yield loss for affected crops as follows:

- Marion berries and other cane berries 30%-50%
- Strawberries 25%-40%
- Late planted vegetables and field corn 20%-40%

This action is expected to result in the Governor seeking a disaster declaration by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Such a declaration will make affected producers eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) low interest Emergency loans and will make an increased number of growers eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Program from the Farm Service Agency. Additionally, FSA borrowers who

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are unable to make loan payments timely due to disaster conditions may qualify for rescheduling of payments.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

NA

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

Action is in accordance with ORS 401.055

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The Office of Emergency Management has been in communication with its equivalent in Clackamas County; Clackamas Board is expected to request the Governor to declare.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JMS', written over a horizontal line.

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