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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-24

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Article VI, Section 2 of the Oklahoma Constitution have caused the formation of the Oklahoma Drought Management Team that will develop a coordinated plan to address emergency drought problems within the State designed to preserve lives and protect the health, property, environment, and safety of the people of Oklahoma.

When drought occurs, the State is impacted by a variety of complex problems, which, if identified and evaluated, can be dealt with in a well organized and cost-efficient manner in cooperation with the federal government and through coordination of State and local entities. During periods of drought the State's water resources must be carefully and closely monitored, conserved and managed in the best interests of all Oklahomans.

The Oklahoma Drought Management Team is hereby established effective this date and be comprised of two groups: the Management Group and the Advisory Group.

1. The Management Group shall be comprised of representatives from the following State agencies: Department of Civil Emergency Management which will serve as the Lead Agency, Department of Agriculture, Water Resources Board, Department of Health, Department of Environmental Quality, Conservation Commission, Department of Wildlife Conservation, Climatological Survey, and Military Department.

The Advisory Group shall be comprised of representatives of the following State associations and agencies: Association of County Commissioners, Rural Water District Association, Inc., Oklahoma Municipal League and the resources of all remaining State departments and agencies available to provide advice and assistance to the Team, including the Oklahoma Board of Regents for Higher Education.

The lead agency will formally coordinate with the following federal agencies to request their advice and assistance: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Tulsa District, US Army Corps of Engineers, Forestry Services, Geological Survey, Bureau of Reclamation, Farm Service Agency, National Weather Service, Fish and Wildlife, Small Business Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Housing & Urban

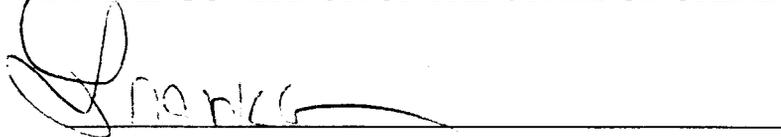
Development, Environmental Protection Agency, and any other federal agency available to provide advice and assistance.

The Oklahoma Drought Management Team will be responsible to:

1. Provide an organizational structure that assures information flow and defines the duties and responsibilities of all agencies during time of drought related emergencies.
2. Provide the probable impacts associated with periods of water shortage on the primary economic and environmental sectors of the State.
3. Develop and recommend State drought response, recovery and mitigation initiatives for conditions determined to be detrimental to the State economy and public health.
4. Identify drought management areas in the State.
5. Provide coordination and communication among federal, state, and local entities as deemed appropriate for drought assistance programs, education, and information.
6. Perform such other drought related assessments and response functions as deemed necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed this 6th day of August, 1996.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



ATTEST:



Secretary of State **Assistant**