Mary Fallin
Governor

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2013-36

I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 2 and 8 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution and Title 27A O.S. Section 2250 et seq., do hereby declare the following:

Due to the current, and persistent, Emergency Drought Conditions in Texas, Harmon, Greer, Jackson, and Tillman Counties of Oklahoma, I hereby invoke the provisions of Oklahoma law regarding the use of the Emergency Drought Relief Fund.

It is hereby ordered:

1. An Emergency Drought Commission is to be immediately formed and shall exist for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days. Upon expiration of its term, the Emergency Drought Commission shall cease to exist subject only to extensions granted by the Governor or a new declaration of Emergency Drought Conditions.

2. The Emergency Drought Commission shall consist of the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

3. The Emergency Drought Commission shall have the authority to consider requests for use of Emergency Drought Relief Funds only from public entities located, or operating, within one, or more, of the following Oklahoma counties: Texas, Harmon, Greer, Jackson, or Tillman. Further, the use of any Emergency Drought Commission funds pursuant to this declaration must be expended solely on efforts to relieve drought conditions within Texas, Harmon, Greer, Jackson, and/or Tillman Counties.

4. The Emergency Drought Commission shall have full discretion to determine the amount and nature of the expenditures to be made from the Emergency Drought Relief Fund, subject to written concurrence by the Governor. Further, the Emergency Drought Commission shall establish such procedures and requirements as it deems necessary. The Commission shall have the sole power to determine the appropriate agency or entity to receive Emergency Drought Relief Funds.

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5. The Chair of the Emergency Drought Commission shall be the Secretary of Agriculture who will have the sole power to call meetings of the Commission, as necessary. The Commission shall be provided support staff from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. The Chair of the Emergency Drought Commission shall also have the sole discretionary power to terminate the Commission.

This declaration may be amended as conditions warrant.

This Executive Order shall terminate at the end of one hundred and eighty (180) days.

Copies of this Executive Order shall be distributed to the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 15 day of October, 2013.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

MARY FALLIN

ATTEST:

Chris Mennis

Assistant
SECRETARY OF STATE