

**Attachment J**

Governor's Disaster Proclamation  
related to Drought (5-8-2015)

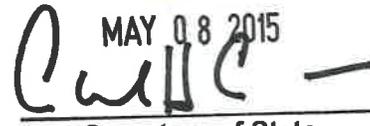


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 8, 2015

The Honorable Carlos Cascos  
Deputy Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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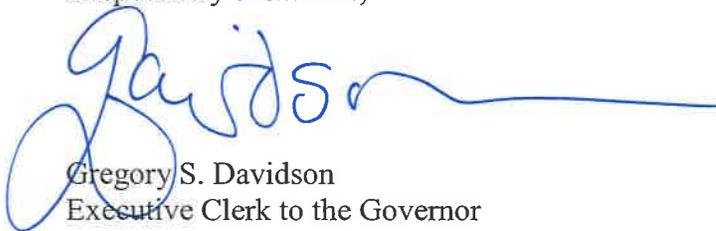
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following proclamation:

A proclamation renewing the certification that exceptional drought conditions pose a threat of imminent disaster in a specified number of counties in the State of Texas.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued an Emergency Disaster Proclamation on March 9, 2015, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas.

WHEREAS, significantly low rainfall across Texas beginning in late 2010 and continuing has resulted in declining reservoir and aquifer levels, threatening water supplies and delivery systems in many parts of the state; and

WHEREAS, prolonged dry conditions continue to increase the threat of wildfire across many portions of the state; and

WHEREAS, these drought conditions have reached historic levels and continue to pose an imminent threat to public health, property and the economy; and

WHEREAS, this state of disaster includes the counties of Archer, Armstrong, Bandera, Baylor, Bosque, Briscoe, Burnet, Callahan, Carson, Childress, Clay, Collin, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dallas, Denton, Dickens, Donley, Eastland, Edwards, El Paso, Erath, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gillespie, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Hood, Hudspeth, Hunt, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Johnson, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, King, Knox, Lamb, Lampasas, Lipscomb, Llano, Matagorda, McCulloch, McLennan, Medina, Mills, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parker, Parmer, Potter, Real, Roberts, Rockwall, San Saba, Shackelford, Sherman, Somervell, Stephens, Stonewall, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Travis, Uvalde, Walker, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wise and Young.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby renew the disaster proclamation. Additionally, I direct that requests to suspend any rule or regulation that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat, pursuant to Section 418.016, shall be submitted to the Office of the Governor for approval.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



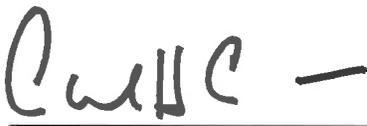
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 8th day of May, 2015.

  
GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

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ATTESTED BY:



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CARLOS CASCOS  
Secretary of State

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