

Resolution No. 26-3

May 13, 2026

RESOLUTION DECLARING
A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY
IN RICH COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Rich County Board of Commissioners finds that prolonged drought conditions exist throughout Rich County caused by below-average precipitation over multiple years and this season's poor mountain snowpack; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that reservoir levels and stream flows are forecast to remain critically low this year; and

WHEREAS, these drought conditions pose a threat to human health and safety, the environment, agricultural production, livestock operations, water supplies (culinary, secondary, and agricultural), rangeland forage, wildfire suppression ability, tourism, and the overall economy of Rich County; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 17-78-307 authorizes counties to declare a state of drought emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that a declaration of a drought emergency is in the best interests of the communities of Rich County.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Rich County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that a state of drought emergency exists within the boundaries of Rich County.

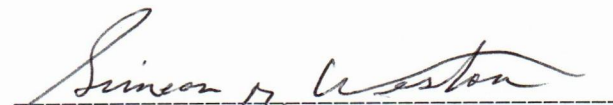
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rich County Board of Commissioners may take any action authorized by Utah Code § 17-78-307 necessary to address this drought emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the declaration of drought emergency will remain in effect until terminated by further resolution of the County Commission.

This resolution shall be effective on the date it is adopted.


APPROVED and signed this 13th day of May, 2026.

BOARD OF RICH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Sim Weston, Chairman

ATTEST:



Anneliesa Peart
Rich County Clerk

Commissioner Bill Cox voted yes

Commissioner Jonathan Lee voted yes

Commissioner Simeon Weston voted yes