



**LIVE OAK COUNTY, TEXAS
COUNTY JUDGE DECLARATION OF LOCAL
STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC
HEALTH AND SAFETY EMERGENCY DUE TO
DROUGHT**

WHEREAS, the County of Live Oak, Texas is currently experiencing extreme drought conditions resulting in critically low water supply levels; and

WHEREAS, regional water demand is exceeding available supply from existing sources, including surface water and groundwater systems; and

WHEREAS, continued drought conditions threaten public health, safety, and welfare, as well as essential public services; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2022, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that drought conditions pose an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2026, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation finding that drought conditions continue to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for 125 counties in Texas, and Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor of the State of Texas proclaimed that any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, To the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, the Governor of the State of Texas authorized the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster; and

WHEREAS, the County of Live Oak, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the threats of this devastating drought in our community; and

WHEREAS, said the state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF LIVE OAK COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health and safety emergency is hereby declared for the County of Live Oak, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health and safety emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Live Oak County, Texas.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health and safety emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the County of Live Oak, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health, safety, the protection of life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Liska, County Judge of Live Oak County, Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a countywide basis, effective upon signing, and continuing not to exceed 7 days, subject to extension thereafter:

Order No. 1 The County of Live Oak, Texas, shall effectuate all aspects of the Governor of the State of Texas' proclamation of March 18, 2026 relating to the ongoing drought and disaster in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Laws of the State of Texas and Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code;

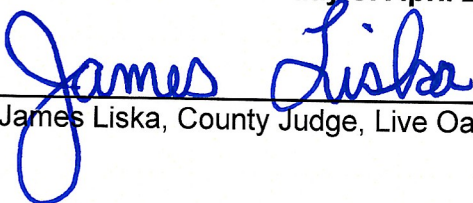
Order No. 2 The County of Live Oak, Texas is authorized to use of all available resources of state/county government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Order No. 3 Any regulatory statute or ordinance prescribing the procedures for conduct of state/county business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor.

Order No. 4 To the extent that the enforcement of any state statute, ordinance or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede the County of Live Oak's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, such statutes, ordinances and rules for the duration of this declared disaster are suspended.

Order No. 5 That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available procedures.

DECLARED this 10th day of April 2026.


James Liska, County Judge, Live Oak County, Texas

ATTESTED:


Donna M. VanWay, County Clerk, Live Oak County, Texas

