



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-07.1

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2026-07, issued on August 18, 2026, declared a statewide drought disaster and activated state resources, including the administration of the North Dakota Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program by the State Water Commission; and,

WHEREAS, drought conditions continue to adversely impact agricultural operations, livestock producers, and water supplies throughout North Dakota, creating a need to ensure that assistance is available to affected livestock producers in every county of the state; and,

WHEREAS, the severity and localized nature of drought conditions may not be fully reflected by the weekly United States Drought Monitor, and it is now necessary to make the North Dakota Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program available statewide, regardless of the drought rating assigned to a particular county or tribal nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, Kelly Armstrong, as Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority vested under Article V, Section 1, North Dakota Constitution and Chapter 37-17.1, North Dakota Century Code hereby orders that Executive Order 2026-07 is hereby modified as follows:

1. Section 2 of Executive Order 2026-07 is modified to direct the North Dakota State Water Commission to administer the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program to all counties and tribal nations within the State of North Dakota, regardless of the drought rating assigned by the United States Drought Monitor.
2. All other provisions, orders, and agency directives set forth in Executive Order 2026-07 remain in full force and effect.

This order is issued pursuant to the following authority and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and,

2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and,
3. A coordinated and effective effort of all State departments is required to minimize the impact of disasters and emergencies in this state.

This order is in effect immediately and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded.

Executed at the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota, this 24th day of August, 2026.



Kelly Armstrong
Governor

Attest:



Michael Howe
Secretary of State