

**MARRIOTT-SLATERVILLE CITY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-01**

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY – DROUGHT DISASTER

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN MARRIOTT-SLATERVILLE CITY, UTAH, BASED UPON EXCESSIVE AND ONGOING DROUGHT AND PERSISTENT FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS; PROHIBITING FIREWORKS AND IMPLEMENTS A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION; IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY POWERS; CALLING UPON MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL AND STATE AID; ANTICIPATING THE NEED FOR FEDERAL RESOURCES; SEVERABILITY; AND EFFECTIVENESS.

WHEREAS, Marriott-Slaterville City (“City”) is a municipal corporation duly existing under the laws of the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, the City operates under the optional council-mayor form of government set forth in *Utah Code Annotated* (“UCA”) §10-3b-201 whereby the powers of government in the City are vested in two separate, independent, and equal branches of municipal government;

WHEREAS, the Mayor may issue an Executive Order in accordance with *Marriott-Slaterville Municipal Code* (“MSMC”) §2.06.010, and as authorized by UCA §10-3-202;

WHEREAS, the Mayor may exercise emergency power set forth in MSMC §2.05.070;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Utah Code §53-2a-208, the Mayor is the chief executive officer and may declare a local emergency for the City;

WHEREAS, the nature of this emergency is an ongoing drought with persistent dry winds and fire weather conditions within the City and other jurisdictions following the warmest winter on record and the lowest snowpack levels ever recorded in Utah

WHEREAS, Governor Cox of the State of Utah issued Executive Order 2026-02 on May 21, 2026, declaring a “State of Emergency” as a result of severe drought conditions which impact our City which is adopted and incorporated herein;

WHEREAS, the Utah State Forester issued Fire Restriction Order (Stage 2) under Order Number: BRCLO2650 adopted on June 26, 2026, which is hereby adopted and incorporated herein;

WHEREAS, regional reservoirs located within the Weber Basin are under drought conditions as a result of low snowpack over the last winter;

WHEREAS, the climatic weather events related to this drought are bringing extreme heat and red flag warning across the City;

WHEREAS, drought and fire conditions threaten to damage private and public property, trails, roads, bridges, utilities, and other public and private infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of this event is far in excess of the City's resources;

WHEREAS, the City does not have the resources or multi-jurisdictional authority to continue to implement all of the emergency strategies necessary to respond to this severe drought;

WHEREAS, these conditions create a "State of Emergency" according to local and state statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of Marriott-Slaterville City hereby Orders and Declares as follows:

Section 1: Nature, scope, and effect of the local emergency.

1. Nature and scope. The nature of this local emergency is an ongoing severe drought, persistent dry winds and vegetation, and fire conditions, that has been occurring since on or about May 21, 2026.
2. Effect. This Executive Order:
 - a. Declares the official recognition that a State of Emergency and local disaster situation exists within the City.
 - b. Provides legal basis for requesting and obtaining state or federal disaster assistance.
 - c. Activates the applicable aspects of local disaster response and recovery and the Emergency Operations Plan.
 - d. Authorizes activation of the City's Emergency Operation Center, if needed.
 - e. Authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance in relation to this disaster.

Section 2: Executive emergency powers.

Based upon this severe drought disaster, the Governor's Executive Order 2026-02, and the executive emergency powers specified in state law and in MSMC §2.05.070 are hereby authorized and may be implemented by the Mayor as needed to appropriately respond to this severe drought disaster.

Section 3: Drought Restriction.

Residents using pressurized secondary water are asked to avoid irrigating between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Businesses have lower landscaping needs and may continue to water during the day so that residents can enjoy adequate water pressure in the evening and overnight. All water users are asked to conserve where possible such as only watering every other day or taking other water conservation measures.

Section 4: Fireworks Restrictions.

The City adopts the Fire Restriction Order (Stage 2) under Order Number: BRCLO2650 adopted by the State Forester only as such relates to a full fireworks ban. The public is prohibited from lighting and/or using fireworks of any kind and/or class within the boundaries of Marriott-Slaterville City. A violation is a class "B" misdemeanor with a fine up to \$1,000.

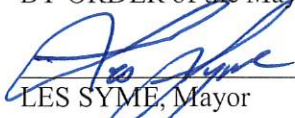
Section 5: Severability.

If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any part of this Executive Order is unconstitutional or invalid, then such portion of this Executive Order, or specific application of this Executive Order, shall be severed from the remainder, which remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 6: Effective date and duration.

This Executive Order is effective upon the first date indicated below and is effective for thirty (30) days therefrom, unless extended.

BY ORDER of the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2026.



LES SYME, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder



Spencer J. Cox
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER
2026-02

Declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Utah Due to Drought Conditions

WHEREAS, all 29 counties in the state are in severe drought and 22 counties are in extreme drought according to the U.S. Drought Monitor;

WHEREAS, snowpack peaked about three weeks early and was 53% of normal, and average winter temperatures were nearly 3 degrees higher than normal;

WHEREAS, water supply forecasts around the state range from 20% to 55% of normal;

WHEREAS, these extreme drought conditions have adversely and significantly impacted agribusiness and livestock production, as well as wildlife and natural habitats;

WHEREAS, drought conditions can adversely impact drinking water supplies and increase the number of drinking water emergencies requiring boil orders or Do Not Drink orders;

WHEREAS, drought conditions that require mitigation are expected to persist;

WHEREAS, these conditions create a state of emergency under the Disaster Response and Recovery Act found in Title 53, Chapter 2a of the Utah Code;

WHEREAS, the Disaster Response and Recovery Act found in Title 53, Chapter 2a of the Utah Code provides the governor with certain powers to respond to an emergency;

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 53-2a-204(1)(a) authorizes the governor to utilize all available resources of state government as reasonably necessary to cope with a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 53-2a-204(1)(b) authorizes the governor to employ measures and give direction to state and local officers and agencies that are reasonable and necessary for the purpose of securing compliance with orders made pursuant to the Disaster Response and Recovery Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Spencer J. Cox, Governor of the State of Utah, declare a state of emergency due to the aforesaid circumstances in the counties listed above and hereby order the following:

1. The state Emergency Operations Plan is activated.
2. The state Drought Response Committee shall:
 - a. review circumstances and other needs caused by the drought;
 - b. identify and recommend action to meet those needs; and
 - c. ensure inter-agency coordination.
3. State agencies shall:
 - a. follow current requirements as outlined in Executive Order 2023-07; and
 - b. as required in Utah Code § 63-5b-1108(5)(a), follow the Division of Water Resources' weekly watering guide: <https://conservewater.utah.gov/weekly-lawn-watering-guide/>.

I further make the following recommendations:

1. Water suppliers and irrigation companies should consider:
 - a. encouraging efficient landscape watering; and
 - b. as needed, contacting the Division of Water Resources for assistance with developing a local drought response plan.
2. Impacted cities and counties should consider developing and implementing water restriction plans and taking other steps to promote water conservation for the upcoming irrigation season in order to protect drinking water supplies.
3. Residents are encouraged to:
 - a. reduce outdoor water use and waste;
 - b. fix irrigation leaks and inefficiencies;
 - c. consider converting unnecessary lawn areas to waterwise landscapes with drip irrigation;
 - d. consider purchasing a smart-timer controller or low-flow toilet (rebates are offered at SlowTheFlow.org); and
 - e. reduce indoor water use by fixing leaks.

THIS ORDER is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 30 days, unless the Legislature extends the state of emergency.



IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done on this, the 21st day of May, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer J. Cox".

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deidre M. Henderson".

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor



SPENCER J. COX
Governor

DEIDRE M. HENDERSON
Lieutenant Governor

State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JOEL FERRY
Commissioner

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

JAMIE BARNES
State Forester/Director

ORDER # **BRCLO2650**

Fire Restriction Order (Stage 2)

Due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the extremely dry vegetation conditions in **Weber** County, Utah, the State Forester, in consultation with the Director of State Parks, has determined that measures must be taken to prevent the ignition of forest and rangeland fires. Therefore, pursuant to Utah State Law, Section 65A-8-212, the **following acts are prohibited** in the areas described below until rescinded by the Utah State Forester:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using **any fire**, campfire, or stove fire*. This includes charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves and tent stoves and includes use at homes and in developed camping and picnic grounds.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation.
3. Discharging or using any fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices including exploding targets.
4. Cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.
5. Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.

Area Description: All unincorporated state and private lands within **Weber** County, Utah.

All of this order does not affect private lands within incorporated towns or city limits.

The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

1. *Devices using pellets, pressurized liquid or gas (stoves, grills or lanterns) that include shut-off valves **are permitted** when used in an area at least three feet or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles.
2. Persons with a permit or waiver issued by the Division, specifically authorizing a specified act at a specific location. A waiver does not relieve the permittee of liability if a fire does occur.
3. Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty.

Any of the above acts is a violation of state law and is punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. These restrictions will be enforced by county law enforcement.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., 26th day of June, 2026

Brett Ostler

Brett Ostler (Jun 25, 2026 08:37:58 MDT)

Brett Ostler, State Fire Management Officer

Jamie Barnes

Jamie Barnes (Jun 25, 2026 20:42:48 MDT)

Jamie Barnes, State Forester

