

ORDER NO. 175

**HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Hays County, Texas**

**ORDER DETERMINING THAT DROUGHT CONDITION TRIGGERS FOR THE DISTRICT
HAVE RETURNED TO DROUGHT STAGE ALARM STATUS FROM DROUGHT STAGE
CRITICAL STATUS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (District) reviewed, considered and passed the return of drought stage ALARM conditions for western Hays County; and

WHEREAS, local trigger conditions of the Blanco River and the Pedernales River have fallen back into the drought stage Alarm conditions. Regional drought trigger of the Palmer Drought Index Services has “Near Normal” drought conditions and the U.S. Drought Monitor shows D0, “Abnormally Dry” shown for the District; and

WHEREAS, drought status of Alarm Stage for all “**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**” is a mandatory and enforceable reduction of your pumping production permit. Failure to do so will be a direct violation of your permit and District Rules. Refer to the District’s User Drought Contingency Plan, Water Conservation Plan and the Drought Production Cutback Chart curtailments for each individual permit holder’s reduction amount; and

WHEREAS, drought status of Alarm Stage for all “**Exempt**” well owners is a request by the Board of Directors to reduce groundwater use by 20%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

- 1) The Board recognizes and adopts the return of drought stage Alarm conditions with a mandatory and enforceable reduction for all “**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**”; and
- 2) The Board requests that all “**Exempt**” well owners reduce their usage by 20%; and
- 3) The Board directs District staff to report production violations including those of waste within western Hays County to the Board for enforceable penalties; and
- 4) The Board requests that all western Hays County residents use caution and care with water use throughout the Alarm Stage drought condition; and

- 5) The Board recognizes Public Water Service providers within the District to manage their customer's groundwater reductions within their Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) including outdoor watering dates and time schedules.
- 6) Drought stage Alarm conditions will stay in effect for western Hays County until further notice by the District Board of Directors. If further drought conditions arise, drought stage Critical conditions will take effect with mandatory and enforceable curtailments of permit pumping production for **“Non-Exempt Permit Holders.”**

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED _____, 2015

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