

ORDER NO. 176

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

**ORDER DETERMINING THAT DROUGHT CONDITION TRIGGERS FOR THE DISTRICT
HAVE RETURNED TO NO DROUGHT STAGE STATUS FROM DROUGHT STAGE ALARM
STATUS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (District) reviewed, considered and passed the return of No Drought stage conditions for western Hays County; and

WHEREAS, local trigger conditions of the Blanco River and the Pedernales River have fallen back into No Drought stage conditions. Regional drought trigger of the Palmer Drought Index Services has “Very Moist Spell” drought conditions and the U.S. Drought Monitor shows condition, “None” showing for the District boundary; and

WHEREAS, No Drought stage status is now in effect for all “**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**”. All operating permit holders are to continue to refer to their individual User Drought Contingency Plan, Water Conservation Plan and the Drought Production Cutback Chart curtailments when drought conditions return; and

WHEREAS, No Drought status for all “**Exempt**” well owners is a request by the Board of Directors to use groundwater wisely as drought conditions may return in the coming summer season; and

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 No Drought stage conditions for all “**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**”; and
- 2) The Board requests that all “**Exempt**” well owners use groundwater wisely; and
- 3) The Board directs District staff to report production violations including those of waste within western Hays County to the Board; and
- 4) The Board requests that all western Hays County residents use caution and care with water use throughout all drought stage conditions; 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) No Drought stage conditions will stay in effect for western Hays County until further notice. If further drought conditions arise, drought stage Alarm 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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