

ORDER NO. 150

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

**ORDER DETERMINING THAT DROUGHT CONDITION TRIGGERS FOR THE DISTRICT
HAVE MET CRITICAL STAGE STATUS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (District) reviewed, considered and passed the CRITICAL STAGE drought condition for western Hays County; and

WHEREAS, local trigger conditions of the Blanco River and the Pedernales River have fallen into the Critical Stage drought condition. Regional drought trigger of the Palmer Drought Index Services has shown Exceptional, D4, drought conditions for the District; and

WHEREAS, drought status of Critical Stage for all “**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**” is a mandatory and enforceable reduction of pumping production by 30%. Failure to do so will be a direct violation of your permit, District Rules and this Order #150. Refer to the District’s Drought Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, drought status of Critical Stage for all “**Exempt**” well owners (domestic/residential) is a request by the Board of Directors to reduce groundwater use by 30%.

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

- 1) The Board recognizes and adopts Critical Stage drought conditions with a mandatory and enforceable reduction by 30% for all “**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**” starting on August 1, 2011; and
- 2) The Board requests that all “**Exempt**” well owners (domestic/residential) reduce their usage by 30%; 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 Critical Stage drought condition; and
- 5) The Board requests that all western Hays County “**Exempt**” well owners limit their outside water usage to the following schedule:
 - Odd numbered addresses to water outside areas on Wednesday and/ or Saturday only
 - Even numbered addresses to water outside areas on Thursday and/ or Sunday only

Watering Hours:.....6:00 am – 9:00 am , 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm

NO WATERING at any other times.

Hand-held hoses or hand-held buckets are allowed at any time

- 6) 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.
- 7) The use of groundwater for washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, or other paved impermeable areas, except to alleviate health or fire hazards, is prohibited; and
- 8) Critical Stage drought conditions will stay in effect for western Hays County until further notice by the District Board of Directors. If further drought conditions arise, Emergency Stage drought conditions will take effect with a 40% mandatory and enforceable reduction of permit pumping production for "**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**".

Voluntary Reductions:

- Install aerators on faucets
- Utilize water reuse where possible
- Inform employees and family members of need to reduce water use

Required Reductions:

- No washing of vehicles
- Check and fix leaks
- Comply with watering schedule
- No washing of driveways, sidewalks, or streets
- No non-essential use, i.e. decorative fountains

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED July 21, 2011



Jimmy Skipton, President