

**ORDER NO. 157**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, local trigger conditions of the Blanco River and the Pedernales River have fallen back into the Alarm Stage drought condition. Regional drought trigger of the Palmer Drought Index Services has shown Moderate, D1, drought conditions 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 Drought Contingency Plan and the Drought Production Cutback Chart 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 COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:**

- 1) The Board recognizes and adopts the return of Alarm Stage drought 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 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 equipped with a shutoff devise 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) Alarm 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, Critical Stage drought conditions will take effect with 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:**

- Washing of company vehicles limited to once a month with bucket or hand-held hose with automatic nozzle shut-off
- 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 September 1, 2012

  
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Jimmy Skipton, HTGCD Board President