

**ORDER NO. 168**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, local trigger conditions of the Blanco River and the Pedernales River have fallen back into the stage CRITICAL drought conditions. Regional drought trigger of the Palmer Drought Severity Index shows drought conditions as near normal; and

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

**WHEREAS**, On March 26, 2014 District staff announced to all its Non-Exempt permit holders that stage CRITICAL drought cutback reduction target amounts would commence on May 1, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, drought status of stage CRITICAL for all “**Exempt**” well owners is a request by the Board of Directors to further reduce your personal groundwater use.

**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 stage CRITICAL drought conditions with a mandatory and enforceable production curtailment for all “**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**”; and
- 2) The Board requests that all “**Exempt**” well owners further reduce their usage; and
- 3) The Board directs District staff to report production overages not only to the Board, but also provide notice letters to permit holders who have surpassed their target curtailment amounts; and
- 4) The Board requests that all western Hays County residents use caution and care with water use throughout stage CRITICAL drought conditions; 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 or 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) Stage CRITICAL drought conditions will stay in effect for western Hays County until further notice by the District. If further drought conditions arise, stage EMERGENCY drought conditions will take effect with mandatory and enforceable further curtailment of target pumping production amounts 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:**

- All vehicle washing is prohibited. Any vehicle washing for health and safety purposes shall be conducted at a commercial vehicle washing facility.
- Water is permitted only by hand-held hoses with automatic shutoff devices during designated watering days and times.
- 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 April 16, 2014

  
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HTGCD Board President

  
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