

**ORDER NO. 190**

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

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**ORDER DETERMINING THAT DROUGHT CONDITION TRIGGERS FOR THE DISTRICT  
HAVE RETURNED TO DROUGHT STAGE 3, CRITICAL STATUS FROM ALARM STATUS**

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

**WHEREAS**, local trigger conditions of the Blanco River and the Pedernales River have fallen back within the Critical Stage drought condition for 30 consecutive days. Regional drought trigger of the Palmer Drought Index Services has shown Near Normal drought conditions for the District; and

**WHEREAS**, all active permit holders received a drought stage notification on August 2, 2018 to begin reducing production by the effective date. HTGCD has now declared drought stage critical with an effective date of September 1, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, drought status of Critical Stage 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 and District Rules. Permit Holders are to refer to the District’s Drought Contingency Plan and the Drought Production Cutback Chart for each individual permit holder’s reduction amount; and

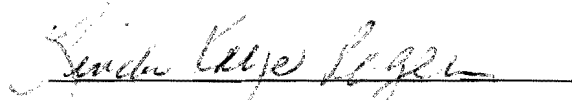
**WHEREAS**, drought status of Critical Stage for all “**Exempt**” well owners is a request by the Board of Directors to continue to reduce groundwater use by 30%.

**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 Critical Stage 3 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 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 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) Critical Stage drought conditions will stay in effect for western Hays County until further notice. If more severe drought conditions arise, Emergency Stage drought conditions will take effect with mandatory and enforceable reduction of permit pumping production for "**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**".

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED September 19, 2018

  
Linda Kaye Rogers, HTGCD Board President