ORDER NO. 211

HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Hays County, Texas
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ORDER DETERMINING THAT DROUGHT CONDITIONS FOR HTGCD HAVE RETURNED TO NO DROUGHT STAGE STATUS OUTSIDE OF THE JACOBS WELL GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ZONE

WHEREAS, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District has created by Rule drought stage criteria in order to effectively manage the groundwater resource; and

WHEREAS, local trigger conditions of the Blanco River and the Pedernales River have fallen back into *No Drought* stage conditions, regional drought triggers of the Palmer Drought Index Services indicate *No Drought* conditions, and the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates condition *None* for the District; and

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

WHEREAS, *No Drought* stage status is now in effect for all **Non-Exempt** uses and **Permit Holders,** all 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 **Exempt** well owners is a request by the HTGCD Board of Directors to use groundwater conservatively as drought conditions may return in the remaining summer season; and

WHEREAS, the HTGCD contains a separate Jacob's Well Groundwater Management Zone with independent and separate drought curtailment triggers and is not subject to this order,

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 **Permit Holders**; and

2) The Board requests that all **Exempt** well owners use groundwater conservatively; 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 customers' groundwater reductions within their Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) including outdoor watering dates, time schedules, and production curtailment; and

6) The Jacob's Well Groundwater Management Zone has different drought curtailment triggers and is not subject to this order; and

7) *No Drought* stage conditions will stay in effect for all portions of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District except the Jacob's Well Groundwater Management Zone until further notice. If drought conditions arise, drought stage Alarm conditions take effect with mandatory and enforceable curtailments of permit pumping production for all permit holders**.**

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED August 5, 2021

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Holly Fults,
HTGCD Board President

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John Worrall
HTGCD Treasurer Secretary