ORDER NO. 216

HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Hays County, Texas
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ORDER DETERMINING THAT DROUGHT CONDITION TRIGGERS FOR THE DISTRICT HAVE RETURNED TO ALARM STAGE STATUS FROM NO DROUGHT/VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION STATUS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) 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 and Severe Drought conditions for the District; and

WHEREAS, all active permit holders received a drought stage notification on May 2, 2022 to begin reducing production by the effective date. HTGCD has now declared drought stage alarm with an effective date of May 5, 2022.

WHEREAS, drought status of Alarm Stage for all "**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**" is a mandatory and enforceable curtailment of pumping production permits. Failure to do so will be a direct violation of permit terms 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 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 TRINITY 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 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) Alarm Stage drought conditions will stay in effect for western Hays County until further notice. If more severe drought conditions arise, Critical Stage drought conditions will take effect with mandatory and enforceable reduction of permit pumping production for "**Non-Exempt Permit Holders**".

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED May 5, 2022

Holly Fults, Board President

John Worrall, Board Secretary-Treasurer