

The Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District rules are amended as follows:

1) Rule 13.2.1 is amended to read as follows:

(13.2.1) The District's drought triggers are based upon the discharge flow rates provided by the USGS for the Pedernales River at Johnson City (USGS 08153500) and Blanco River at Wimberley (USGS 08171000). The District also references the Palmer Drought Severity Index as a possible drought trigger. To see the latest drought trigger indicators, District Drought Stage Chart, or Drought Stage History, visit the District's website.

2) Rule 13.2.2 is amended to read as follows:

(13.2.2) The District shall monitor the discharge flow rates of the Pedernales and Blanco Rivers and the Palmer Drought Severity Index Map to determine the drought stage level.

Drought stages will move up and down the vertical drought chart as follows:

A. ~~To move into a~~ The General Manager shall declare the implementation of each drought stage, both if the measured flow is below the corresponding trigger level in either the Pedernales or Blanco Rivers for thirty consecutive days within that drought stage trigger.

B. The General Manager shall declare a reduced drought stage after both rivers flow sixty consecutive days within the lesser drought stage trigger.

C. The General Manager shall report the current stage of the Palmer Drought Severity Index at every Board meeting, and the Board may take action to implement the next drought stage according to the following schedule:

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| <u>PDSI = -1 to -1.9 No Drought</u> | <u>0% Curtailment</u> |
| <u>PDSI = -2 to -2.9 Alarm</u> | <u>20% Curtailment</u> |
| <u>PDSI = -3 to -4.9 Critical</u> | <u>30% Curtailment</u> |
| <u>PDSI = -5.0 or less Emergency</u> | <u>40% Curtailment</u> |

3) Rule 13.3.1 is amended to read as follows:

(13.3.1) District drought management consists of four drought stages. When streamflow drops below a drought trigger (shown in the table below), a daily counter begins. If the counter for the drought indicators reaches 30 days, the General Manager will declare the appropriate drought stage. When streamflow increases above a drought trigger and remains there for a period of 60 days, the General Manager will declare the lesser drought stage.

| <u>Percent Curtailment</u> | <u>Drought Stage</u> | <u>Pedernales River flow rate</u> | <u>Blanco River flow rate</u> |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>0%</u> | <u>No Drought/Voluntary Conservation</u> | <u>Above 31.6 cfs</u> | <u>Above 28.5 cfs</u> |
| <u>20%</u> | <u>Alarm</u> | <u>At or below 31.6 cfs</u> | <u>At or below 28.5 cfs</u> |
| <u>30%</u> | <u>Critical</u> | <u>At or below 10.2 cfs</u> | <u>At or below 14.5 cfs</u> |
| <u>40%</u> | <u>Emergency</u> | <u>At or below 2.23 cfs</u> | <u>At or below 9.28 cfs</u> |