

VICTORIA COUNTY WATER CONTROL
AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2
91 PRESTON STREET
PLACEDO, TEXAS 77977
361-237-1066

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN ADOPTED 9/18/2023.

SECTION I: Declaration of Policy and Intent

In order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of water supply facilities, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitations, and fire protection, and to protect public health, welfare, and safety and minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortage or other water emergency conditions, the Victoria Count WCID 2 adopts the following regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water.

Water uses regulated or prohibited under this Drought Contingency Plan (the Plan) are non-essential and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply condition are deemed to constitute a waste of water which subject the offender(s) to penalties.

Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2's four (4) stage Drought Contingency Plan is explained in this booklet. The drought contingency plan is an attempt to distribute water adequately and equally to each resident/customer, even during times when the supply may be lowered due to weather conditions and/or mechanical failures. Please keep this information for your reference. Become familiar with the enclosed Drought Contingency Plan and please comply with the stages in the event they must be implemented.

The four (4) stages of the drought contingency plan are:

STAGE REFERENCE	COLOR CODE	ACTION	DAY OF USE
A STAGE ONE (1)	GREEN	VOLUNTARY	NO RESTRICTIONS
B. STAGE TWO (2)	YELLOW	ODD/EVEN ADDRESSES	THREE TIMES A WEEK
C. STAGE THREE (3)	ORANGE	DESIGNATED ZONES	WEEKLY
D. STAGE FOUR (4)	RED	OUTSIDE WATERING	PROHIBITED

Color-codes signs to designate the **CURRENT STAGE** in effect will be located at (1) Grab N Go, (2) US Post Office, (3) Water District Office. Please watch for any sign changes. A map showing the sign locations is included in this booklet. Any questions should be directed to Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2's office at (361) 237-1066 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays or in person at 91 Preston Street on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

SECTION II: Public Involvement

Opportunity for the public to input into the preparation of the Plan was provided by the Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2 by means of the monthly Board of Directors Meeting and utility bills.

SECTION III: Public Education

Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2 will periodically provide the public with information about the Plan, including information about the conditions under which stage of the Plan is to be initiated or terminated and the drought responses measures to be implemented in each stage. This information will be provided to the public by means of utility bills.

SECTION IV: Coordination with Regional Planning Groups

The services of the Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2 are located with the South-Central Texas Regional Water Planning Area and the Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2 has provided a copy of the plan to the San Antonio River Authority.

SECTION V: Authorization

The District Operator or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of the Plan upon determination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare. The District Operator or his/her designee shall have the authority to initiate or terminate drought or other water supply emergency response measures as described in this Plan.

SECTION VI: Application

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SECTION VII: Definitions

For the purpose of this Plan, the following definitions apply:

Aesthetic water use: water is used for ornamental or decorative purposes such as fountains, reflecting pools, and water gardens.

Commercial and institutional water use: water use which is integral to the operations of commercial and non-profit establishments and governmental entities such as retail establishments, hotels and motels, restaurants, and office buildings.

Conservation: those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a supply is conserved and made available for future or alternative use.

Customer: any person, company, or organization using water supplied by Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2.

Domestic Water Use: water for use for personal needs or household or sanitary purposes such as drinking, bathing, heating, cooking, sanitation, or cleaning of residences, business, industry of institution.

Even number address: street addresses, box numbers or rural postal route numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, and locations without addresses.

Odd number address: street addresses, box numbers or rural postal route numbers ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Industrial water use: the use of water in processes designed to convert materials of lower value into forms having greater usability and value.

Landscape irrigation use: water used for irrigation and maintenance of landscaped areas, whether publicly or privately owned, including residential and commercial lawns, gardens, golf courses, parks and right-of-way and medians.

Non-essential water use: water uses that are not essential or required for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including:

- (a) Irrigation of landscape areas, including parks, athletic fields, and golf courses, except otherwise provided under this Plan.
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, plane or other vehicle.
- (c) Use of water to wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas.
- (d) Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection.
- (e) Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street.
- (f) Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools.
- (g) Use of water in a fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life.
- (h) Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable time period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).
- (i) Use of water from hydrants for construction purposes or any other purpose other than firefighting.

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

OBJECTIVES

- A. DECREASE MAGNITUDE OF SEASONAL PEAKS
- B. REDUCE DAILY CONSUMPTION LEVELS CONSISTENT WITH SUPPLY
- C. ENSURE ALL HOUSEHOLDS HAVE A SAFE AND ADEQUATE SUPPLY FOR HOUSEHOLD USE AND LIVESTOCK WATERING
- D. EXECUTE THE PLAN IN A FAIR AND CONSISTENT MANNER

IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN

- A. DROUGHT CONTINGENCY
- B. PLAN WILL BE MAILED OUT TO ALL RESIDENTS/CUSTOMERS AND DISTRIBUTED TO NEW APPLICATION INDIVIDUALS
- C. ALL REVISED PLANS WILL BE MAILED
- D. RESIDENTS/CUSTOMERS WILL OBSERVE CONSERVATION SIGNS FOR STAGE CHANGES
- E. LOCATION OF COLOR-CODED SIGNS
 - SIGN #1 – GRAB N GO STORE (5065 FM 616)
 - SIGN #2 – US POST OFFICE (FM 616)
 - SIGN #3 - WATER DISTRICT OFFICE (91 PRESTON STREET)
- F. DISTRICT OPERATOR WILL RECOMMEND STAGE CHANGES TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD FOR HIS/HER APPROVAL
- G. VIOLATIONS:
 - 1. DISTRICT OPERATOR WILL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LOCK OUT ANY VIOLATOR'S WATER METER.
 - 2. RE-SERVICE TO A VIOLATOR'S WATER WILL BEAR A CHARGE OF \$75.00 BEFORE SERVICE IS RESTORED.

STAGE #1

GREEN (NO SIGN)

VOLUNTARY

- A. WATER CONSERVATION IS ENCOURAGED BUT WILL BE VOLUNTARY.**
- B. SOME SUGGESTED WATERING CONDITIONS TO AVOID.**
 - 1. SYSTEMS PEAK DEMAND IS 6 A.M. TO 8 A.M. AND 5 P.M. TO 8 P.M.**
 - 2. AVOID WATERING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY**
 - 3. AVOID WATERING DURING HIGH WINDS**
- C. FILLING OF NEW POOLS MUST BE SCHEDULED**
 - 1. THREE (3) DAYS WRITTEN REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO VICTORIA COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2.**
 - 2. DATE AND TIME WILL BE DETERMINED AND ASSIGNED BY THE DISTRICT OPERATOR.**
- D. WATER CONSERVATION MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AT THE VICTORIA COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2 OFFICE.**

**ODD/EVEN OUTSIDE WATERING
BY LAST DIGIT OF ADDRESS**

- A. TREES, GARDENS, SHRUBS CAN BE WATERED DAILY IF:
1. HANDHELD HOSE IS USED, OR
 2. DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM IS USED.
- B. WASHING OF VEHICLES IS PROHIBITED. EXCEPTION ON DESIGNATED ODD/EVEN DAYS (LAST DIGIT OF ADDRESS)
- C. REFILLING OF POOLS IS PROHIBITED. EXCEPTION ON DESIGNATED ODD/EVEN DAY (LAST DIGIT OF ADDRESS)
- D. WASHING OF DRIVEWAYS OR SIDEWALKS IS PROHIBITED
- E. LAWNS MAY BE WATERED MECHANICALLY ON DESIGNATED ODD/EVEN DAYS. **YELLOW STAGE ONLY.**
ASSIGNED WATERING DAYS BY LAST DIGIT OF ADDRESS.
- F. LAWNS THAT HAVE JUST BEEN SEEDED, SODDED OR MULCHED CAN BE MECHANICALLY WATERED DAILY FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) WEEKS AFTER APPLICATION. **AVOID WATERING LAWNS DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS.**
1. 6:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M.
 2. 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
- G. FILLING OF NEW POOLS MUST BE SCHEDULED.
1. THREE (3) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO THE VICTORIA COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2 OFFICE.
 2. DATE AND TIME WILL BE DETERMINED AND ASSIGNED BY THE DISTRICT OPERATOR

ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES

<u>DAYS TO WATER</u>	<u>ZONE</u>
MONDAY	A
TUESDAY	B
WEDNESDAY	A
THURSDAY	B
FRIDAY	A
SATURDAY	B
SUNDAY	NO WATERING

EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES

<u>DAYS TO WATER</u>	<u>ZONE</u>
MONDAY	B
TUESDAY	A
WEDNESDAY	B
THURSDAY	A
FRIDAY	B
SATURDAY	A
SUNDAY	NO WATERING

ZONE WATERING

- A. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: NO WATERING ON WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.
- B. ALL OUTSIDE WATERING PROHIBITED EXCEPT ON DESIGNATED ZONE DAYS
- C. ALL RESIDENTS/CUSTOMERS ARE CURRENTLY IN AN ASSIGNED LETTER ZONE. PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR YOUR ASSIGNED LETTER ZONE.

ASSIGNED WATER DAY BY LAST DIGIT OF ADDRESS
ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES
DAYS TO WATER ZONE
MONDAY A
TUESDAY B
WEDNESDAY NO WATERING
THURSDAY A
FRIDAY B
SATURDAY NO WATERING
SUNDAY NO WATERING
EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES
DAYS TO WATER ZONE
MONDAY B
TUESDAY A
WEDNESDAY NO WATERING
THURSDAY B
FRIDAY A
SATURDAY NO WATERING
SUNDAY NO WATERING

- D. LANDSCAPE WATERING SCHEDULE SHOULD BE AVOIDED DURING THE FOLLOWING TIMES:
1. 6:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M.
 2. 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
- E. WASHING OF VEHICLES IS PROHIBITED
- F. FILLING OF SWIMMING POOLS IS PROHIBITED
- G. NO NEW LAWN EXEMPTIONS EXIST IN STAGE #3

CRITICAL CONDITIONS

- A. **ALL OUTSIDE WATERING** OF LAWNS, SHRUBS, AND GARDENS IS **PROHIBITED**.
- B. **WASHING OF DRIVEWAYS, WALKWAYS AND VEHICLES IS PROHIBITED**.
- C. **FILLING OF POOLS IS PROHIBITED**.
- D. **NO NEW LAWN EXEMPTIONS** EXIST IN STAGE #4
- E. IN THE EVENT STAGE #4 IS IMPLEMENTED RESIDENTS/CUSTOMERS SHOULD MONITOR SIGNS AND LOCAL NEWS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION OF THIS STAGE BEING LIFTED.

TRIGGER CONDITIONS**A. STAGE 1 – GREEN CONDITION (NO SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED)**

- 1. COLOR CODED SIGNS INDICATE TO RESIDENTS/CUSTOMERS THAT SYSTEM WIDE CONDITIONS ARE NORMAL.
- 2. NO RESTRICTIONS ON WATER USE.

B. STAGE 2 – YELLOW CONDITIONS

- 1. INDICATES TO CUSTOMERS THAT A CHANGE IN SYSTEM/SEASON CONDITIONS
- 2. TRIGGERED BY A SYSTEM WIDE EQUIPMENT OPERATION AVERAGE OF 60% OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF ABOVE (450 GPM DEMAND)
- 3. WARRANTING ODD/EVEN OUTSIDE WATERING AND PROMOTING SYSTEM WIDE WATER CONSERVATION TO AVOID STAGE 3 CONDITIONS
- 4. ACHIEVE A DECREASE IN USAGE BY 10%

C. STAGE 3 – ORANGE CONDITIONS

- 1. TRIGGERED BY SYSTEM WIDE EQUIPMENT OPERATION OF 75% OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY OR ABOVE (550 GPM)
- 2. RESTRICTIONS ALLOW FOR EQUIPMENT/WELL RECHARGE RECOVERY
- 3. PROVIDES RESERVES FOR FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITIES
- 4. ACHIEVE A DECREASE IN USAGE BY 20%

D. STAGE 4 – RED CONDITIONS

- 1. TRIGGERED NORMALLY BY CONDITIONS EXPERIENCED IN STAGE 3 BUT COMPOUNDED BY MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL FAILURE, WATER MAIN BREAKS, LOSS OF WELL, OR UNFORESEEN NATURAL DISASTER
- 2. ACHIEVE A DECREASE IN USAGE BY 40%

ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCES

Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2 is 14 miles from the nearest alternative water source, City of Victoria, and it wouldn't be cost effective and/or affordable for our water system to connect to Victoria.

There are no major stores within 14 miles of Placedo, but bottled water could be acquired in Victoria at the following locations: HEB, Walmart or Sam's Club.

SECTION VIII: VARIANCES

The District Operator or his/her designee, may in writing, grant temporary variance for existing water use otherwise prohibited under this Plan if it is determined that failure to grant such variance would cause an emergency condition adversely affecting the health, sanitation, or fire protection for the public or the person requesting such variance and if on or more of the following conditions are met:

- (a) Compliance with this plan cannot be technically accomplished during the duration of the water supply shortage or other condition for which the Plan is in effect.
- (b) Alternative methods can be implemented which will achieve the same level of reduction in water use.

Persons requesting an exemption from the provision of the Plan shall file a petition for variance with the Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2 within 5 days after the Plan or a drought response state has been invoked. All petitions for variances shall be reviewed by the District Operator or his/her designee and shall include the following:

- (c) Name and address of petitioner(s)
- (d) Purpose of water use
- (e) Specific provisions of the Plan from which the petitioner is requesting relief
- (f) Description of the relief requested
- (g) Period of time for which the variance is sought
- (h) Alternative water use restrictions or other measures is taking or proposing to take meet the intent of this Plan and the compliance date.
- (i) Other pertinent information

Variances granted by the Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2 shall be subject to the following conditions, unless waived or modified by the District Operator or his/her designee.

- (j) Variances granted shall include a timetable for compliance
- (k) Variances granted shall expire when the Plan is no longer in effect, unless the
The petitioner has failed to meet specified requirements.

No variance shall be retroactive or otherwise justify any violation of this Plan prior to the issuance of variance.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

Residents/Customers of Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2, implementation of the Drought Contingency Plan is to ensure that all residents/customers have a safer and adequate water supply for everyone's basic water needs. This program is not intended to alarm you but solely to educate you that emergency conditions can arise by mechanical or catastrophic weather conditions. This plan is to prepare residents/customers for such a problem if it should occur. With everyone working together, Victoria County Water Control and Improvement District 2 can implement and sustain safe drinking water for everyone.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Victoria County Water Control
And Improvement District 2



Water District Office

Greenwood



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