

1. Stage 1: Mild Drought Condition

- a. The District will advise customers early of factual conditions and update customers about worsening situations. The District may advise the news media and its customers of the drought or emergency conditions on a weekly basis.
- b. The District will require its customers to initiate Stage 1 of their Drought Contingency Plans or to adhere to the conditions of this Plan, if they do not have their own. Customers may use their own Plans as long as they are at least as stringent as the District's Plan.
- c. The District will require customers to increase public education efforts.
- d. The District will suggest its customers employ voluntary conservation measures.

*Requirements for termination:* Stage 1 of the Plan may be rescinded when the lake level returns to elevation 1,420 feet msl or greater and is not expected to return below such elevation, or at the discretion of the General Manager. The District will notify its wholesale customers and the media of the termination of Stage 1.

2. Stage 2: Moderate Drought Condition

- a. The District may require its customers to further decrease their water usage pursuant to their Drought Contingency Plan or to adhere to the conditions of this Plan, if they do not have their own. Customers may use their own Plans as long as they are at least as stringent as the District's Plan.
- b. The District will suggest to the customers not already doing so to restrict water from outdoor sprinkling, watering lawns, shrubs, driveways and washing of automobiles to twice a week. The District will also suggest that customers employ "time of day" restrictions.
- c. The District may suggest each customer request its businesses and other nonresidential customers stop or decrease certain water use activities. If the wholesale customer's customer refuses, the District will request permission to act on the wholesale customer's behalf.
- d. The District may request that irrigation customers monitor the condition of field levees, laterals, drains and other water delivery facilities to prevent wasting water.
- e. The District may reduce water delivery in accordance with the Priority Ranking in Section 3.3 and the reduction targets outlined in the Drought Contingency Plan Trigger Levels Table in Section 3.4.

*Requirements for termination:* Stage 2 of the Plan may be rescinded when the lake level returns to elevation 1,417 feet msl or greater and is not expected to return below such elevation, or at the discretion of the General Manager. The District

will notify its wholesale customers and the media of the termination of Stage 2 in the same manner as the notification of initiation of Stage 2 of the Plan.

3. Stage 3: Severe Drought Condition

- a. The District may require its customers to severely decrease their water usage pursuant to their Drought Contingency Plan or to adhere to the conditions of this Plan, if they do not have their own. Customers may use their own Plans as long as they are at least as stringent as the District's Plan.
- b. The District will suggest to the customers not already doing so to restrict water from outdoor sprinkling, watering lawns, shrubs, driveways and washing of automobiles to once a week. The District will also suggest that customers employ "time of day" restrictions.
- c. The District may reduce water delivery in accordance with the Priority Ranking in Section 3.3 and the reduction targets outlined in the Drought Contingency Plan Trigger Levels Table in Section 3.4.
- d. District personnel may conduct site visits to observe irrigation field levees, laterals, drains and other water delivery facilities to prevent wasting of water. Gates furnishing water to a field where water is being wasted may be closed and locked if no attempt has been made to stop the loss within 12 hours of notification, or if the loss has not been stopped within 24 hours.
- e. The District may utilize alternative water sources with the prior approval of the TCEQ executive director, as appropriate.

*Requirements for termination:* Stage 3 of the Plan may be rescinded when the lake level returns to elevation 1,414 feet msl or greater and is not expected to return below such elevation, or at the discretion of the General Manager. The District will notify its wholesale customers and the media of the termination of Stage 3 in the same manner as the notification of initiation of Stage 3 of the Plan.

4. Stage 4: Exceptional Drought Condition

- a. The District may call an emergency meeting with customers to discuss major operational changes and conservation strategies.
- b. The District will suggest to the customers not already doing so to completely restrict water from outdoor sprinkling, watering lawns, shrubs, driveways and washing of automobiles.
- c. The District may evaluate the need to discontinue delivery of water for second crops and non-essential uses.

- d. The District may reduce water delivery in accordance with the Priority Ranking in Section 3.3 and the reduction targets outlined in the Drought Contingency Plan Trigger Levels Table in Section 3.4.
- e. District personnel may conduct site visits to observe irrigation field levees, laterals, drains and other water delivery facilities to prevent wasting of water. Gates furnishing water to a field where water is being wasted may be closed and locked if no attempt has been made to stop the loss within 12 hours of notification, or if the loss has not been stopped within 24 hours.
- f. The District may utilize alternative water sources with the prior approval of the TCEQ executive director, as appropriate.

*Requirements for termination:* Stage 4 of the Plan may be rescinded when the lake level returns to elevation 1,410 feet msl or greater and is not expected to return below such elevation, or at the discretion of the General Manager. The District will notify its wholesale customers and the media of the termination of Stage 4 in the same manner as the notification of initiation of Stage 4 of the Plan.

#### 5. Stage 5: Emergency Condition

- a. The District Board of Directors will declare an emergency water shortage condition.
- b. The District will assess the severity of the problem and identify the actions needed and time required to solve the problem.
- c. The District may call an emergency meeting with customers to discuss drastic operational changes and conservation strategies.
- d. The District may utilize alternative water sources with the prior approval of the TCEQ executive director, as appropriate.
- e. The District may take further steps to reduce or eliminate water delivery on a pro-rata basis in accordance with provisions set forth in each water contract.
- f. The District will undertake necessary actions to alleviate problems and emergency notifications to all appropriate entities and agencies.

*Requirements for termination:* Except for a drought of greater severity than the Drought of Record, Stage 5 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist and not expected to return, or at the discretion of the General Manager. The District will notify its wholesale customers and the media of the termination of Stage 5 in the same manner as the notification of initiation of Stage 5 of the Plan.