

March 16, 2016

Attention: All Permitted Well Owners in Kerr County

Headwaters is pleased to announce that we are moving completely out of drought thanks to all the rain we were blessed with in 2015!!! We have been in some stage of drought since July of 2012. Going out of drought means that there is no required reduction on your water production at this time.

We determine drought stages by averaging the water levels of four wells we have strategically selected throughout the county. We also take into account the flow rate of the Guadalupe River in Kerrville and the Palmer Drought Severity Index.

The following is an overview of our drought index chart:

Drought Stage	Water Level Above Mean Sea Level	Reduction in Water Production on Permitted Wells
Stage 1- Mild Drought	1410	10%
Stage 2- Moderate Drought	1400	20%
Stage 3- Severe Drought	1390	30%
Stage 4- Extreme Drought	1380	40%

To view the entire contents of the HGCD Drought Contingency Plan, please go to [www.hgcd.org/droughtstage/drought](http://www.hgcd.org/droughtstage/drought) and click on Drought Contingency Plan August 2012.

The drought index well levels were at 1416.8 feet above Mean Sea Level (MSL) as of February 29, 2016. This means that they are 6.8 feet above the water level that triggers Stage 1 Drought.

In all, we track the levels of forty-one wells in Kerr County that are completed in the Trinity Aquifer. Sixteen of those wells have been drilled by Headwaters and are connected with gear to provide real time water level data. They can be viewed online by going to [hgcd.org](http://hgcd.org) clicking on *Resources* then *Water Levels*. The rest of the Trinity Wells are wells owned by private land owners that allow us to collect water level data once a month. Water levels are currently coming up but historically they tend to start going down in April.

Thanks to everyone who turned in your production report for the year. For those who still have not turned one in please do so as soon as possible. If you need help filling them out give us a call.

Sincerely,

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