

# HEADWATERS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Memo

**To:** All Permit Well Owners/Operators  
**From:** Gene Williams, HGCD General Manager  
**CC:** HGCD Board of Directors  
**Date:** December 2021- Effective Immediately  
**Re:** Termination of Drought Stage 2; **Remain in Drought Stage 1**

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In August 2020, Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District (the District), initiated Drought Stage 2 for Kerr County. Over the past several months, the District Drought Index well levels have stayed between Stage 2 and Stage 1. The Index level at the end of November was at 1409 feet above mean seal level (MSL) just under Stage 1. Data from USDA in Kerrville shows by the end of November, the County year to date rainfall is slightly below the 30-year average, November was dry with just 1.03 inches. The District considers the Palmer Drought Severity Index which currently shows Kerr County at near normal, however another consideration is the Guadalupe River flow at Kerrville, which is low at 30 ft<sup>3</sup>/s discharge. Therefore, the District will **remain in Stage 1** due to the low river flow and the forecast for La Nina to persist through winter into early spring. **Continued conservation and reduced pumping of groundwater is still needed.**

### **Stage 1 restrictions are as follows:**

#### **Restrictions for Permitted Wells serving a Public Water System:**

The Plan requires a fractional reduction in water demand for the PWS under each stage. HGCD authority is at the well and not at the individual connection. It will be the responsibility of the PWS owner to implement and communicate drought restrictions.

Stage 1 Allowance 10% Reduction

#### **Restrictions for Permitted Wells Being Used for Agricultural, Industrial or Other Purposes (non-domestic):**

The Plan requires the same percentage reduction as for Public Water Supply Systems.

Stage 1 Allowance 10% Reduction

#### **STAGE 1: MILD DROUGHT**

**The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and should be prohibited:**

- Water users are requested to limit the irrigation of landscaped areas including parks, athletic fields, and golf courses to the hours between 8 PM and 10 AM to reduce water losses due to evaporation.
- Washing down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas.
- Washing down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection.
- Failure to repair a controllable leak within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such a leak.
- Pumping of groundwater into ponds, lakes or reservoirs for the purpose of enhancing the appearance of the landscape.

**To view the entire contents of the HGCD Drought Contingency Plan, please go to [www.hgcd.org/droughtstage/drought contingency plan](http://www.hgcd.org/droughtstage/drought%20contingency%20plan).**