

# HEADWATERS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Memo

To: All Permit Well Owners/Operators  
From: Gene Williams, HGCD General Manager  
CC: HGCD Board of Directors  
Date: 01/16/2012 Effective Immediately  
Re: Termination of Drought Stage 2

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HGCD initiated Drought Stage 2 on June 02, 2011. Conditions have improved from recent rains to allow moving back to Stage 1. The drought index well levels are at 1395 ft. above Mean Sea Level (MSL) as of January 1, 2012. The 1395 ft. above MSL is 25 feet below the last five years average for this time of year. The lack of recovery for the winter months in the aquifers sets up another serious drought season this spring and summer if abundant rains are not received this spring. **Continued conservation and reduced pumping of groundwater is still needed**, the District expects to return to Stage 2 in the spring if the rains do not provide recharge to the aquifers.

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

#### **Restrictions on Permitted Wells**

Headwaters GCD has the authority to monitor and manage the production from all Permitted Wells. Permitted Wells are those as Public Water Supply (PWS) wells to provide for domestic use and all such wells used to support agricultural, industrial, commercial, institutional and other non-domestic uses. This Plan places the following restrictions on Permitted Wells.

#### **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 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).**