

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

For

WHITE SHED WSC

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1. DECLARATION OF POLICY, PURPOSE, AND INTENT

In order to conserve the available water supply and/or to protect the integrity of water supply facilities, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection, and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety and minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortage or other water supply emergency conditions, White Shed WSC (White Shed) adopts the following Drought Contingency Plan (the Plan).

2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation of the Plan was provided by:

Scheduling and providing public notice of a public meeting to accept input on the Plan

The meeting took place at:

Date: MAY 18, 2024 Time: 8:00 A.M. Location: WHITE SHED OFFICE

3. PUBLIC EDUCATION

The White Shed will periodically provide the public with information about the Plan, including information about the conditions under which each stage of the Plan is to be initiated or terminated and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage.

Drought plan information will be provided by: *Public meetings, notices on bills, and posting on the website.*

4. COORDINATION WITH REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

The service area of White Shed is located within Regional Water Planning Group C.

White Shed has mailed a copy of this Plan to the RWPG.

5. AUTHORIZATION

The General Manager, 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 General Manager, 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.

6. APPLICATION

The provisions of this Plan shall apply to all persons, customers, and property utilizing water provided by the White Shed WSC. The terms “person” and “customer” as used in the Plan include individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, and all other legal entities.

7. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Plan, the following definitions shall apply:

Aesthetic water use: water use 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 or waste 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 uses.

Customer: any person, company, or organization using water supplied by White Shed WSC.

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

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

Foundation watering: an application of water to the soils directly abutting (within 2 feet) the foundation of a building, structure.

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 the irrigation and maintenance of landscaped areas, whether publicly or privately owned, including residential and commercial lawns, gardens, golf courses, parks, and rights-of-way and medians.

Non-essential water use: water uses that are not essential nor 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, airplane 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 period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s); and
- (i) use of water from hydrants for construction purposes or any other purposes other than fire fighting.

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

8. CRITERIA FOR INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES

The General Manager, or his/her designee, shall monitor water supply and/or demand conditions on a weekly or monthly basis and shall determine when conditions warrant initiation or termination of each stage of the Plan.

9. TRIGGER STAGES

Unless there is an immediate and extreme reduction in water production, or other absolute necessity to declare an emergency or severe condition, the utility will initially declare Stage I restrictions. If, after a reasonable period of time, demand is not reduced enough to alleviate outages, reduce the risk of outages, or comply with restrictions required by a court, government agency or other authority, Stage II may be implemented with Stage III to follow if necessary.

- a. **Stage I - Mild Condition:** Stage I water allocation measures may be implemented when the following condition exist:
 - 1) Water consumption has reached 85 percent of daily maximum supply for three (3) consecutive days.
- b. **Stage II - Moderate Conditions:** Stage II water allocation measures may be implemented when the following condition exist:
 - 1) Water consumption has reached 90 percent of the amount available for three consecutive days.
- c. **Stage III - Severe Conditions:** Stage III water allocation measures may be implemented when one of the following conditions exist:
 - 1) Total daily water demand equals or exceeds 95 percent of the system's safe operating capacity for three (3) consecutive days.
 - 2) Total daily water demand equals or exceeds 100 percent of capacity on a single day.
 - 3) There is natural or man-made contamination of the water supply source(s).
 - 4) The declaration of a state of disaster due to drought conditions in a county or counties served by the Corporation.
 - 5) Reduction of wholesale water supply due to drought conditions.
 - 6) Other unforeseen events which could cause imminent health or safety risks to the public.

10. DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES

The stage levels of water allocations are to be placed in effect by the triggers in Section 8. The System shall institute monitoring and enforce penalties for violations of the Drought Plan for each of the Stages listed below. The water allocation measures are summarized below.

- a. **Stage I – Mild Conditions**
 - 1) The system will reduce flushing operations.
 - 2) Reduction of customers' water use will be encouraged through notices on bills or other method.
- b. **Stage II – Moderate Conditions**
 - 1) Alternate day restrictions. (Customers with even account numbers will be allowed to water only on even numbered days, while those with odd numbers will only be allowed to water on odd numbered days.)
 - 2) Make public service announcements as conditions change via local media (TV, radio, newspapers, etc.).

c. Stage III – Severe Conditions

- 1) All outside watering prohibited.
- 2) Corporation shall continue enforcement and educational efforts.

NOTE:

- Refer to your water purchase contract for additional restrictions/requirements that may be imposed by stipulations from the wholesale supplier.
- There may be additional restrictions imposed by Governmental Entities.
- Meters will be read as often as necessary to insure compliance with this program for the benefit of all the customers.

11. ENFORCEMENT

First violation - The customer will be notified by written notice of their specific violation.

Subsequent violations:

- a. After written notice, the utility may install a flow restricting device in the line to limit the amount of water which will pass through the meter in a 24-hour period. The utility may charge the customer for the actual cost of installing and removing the flow restricting device, not to exceed \$50.00.
- b. After written notice, the utility may discontinue service at the meter for a period of seven (7) days, or until the end of the calendar month, whichever is LESS. The normal reconnect fee of the utility will apply for restoration of service.

12. EXEMPTIONS or VARIANCES

The utility may grant any customer an exemption or variance from the drought contingency plan for good cause **upon written request**. A customer who is refused an exemption or variance may appeal such action of the utility in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The utility will treat all customers equally concerning exemptions and variances, and shall not discriminate in granting exemptions and variances. No exemption or variance shall be retroactive or otherwise justify any violation of this Plan occurring prior to the issuance of the variance.

13. SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the White Shed Board of Directors that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Plan are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Plan shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Plan, since the same would not have been enacted by the White Shed Board of Directors without the incorporation into this Plan of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

This Plan was adopted by the Board at a properly noticed meeting held on May 18, 2024.

WILMA GIBBS, PRESIDENT

BRIAN HARDY, SECRETARY/TREASURER