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Stage 4 Triggers – CRITICAL Water Shortage Conditions

Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses for Stage 4 of this Plan when any one plant on the system reaches a demand equal to or greater than 100% of the total production (or refill) capacity of such plants, for three (3) consecutive days.

Requirements for termination

Stage 4 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist or demand is equal to or less than 70% of the total production (or refill) capacity for a period of seven (7) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 4, Stage 3, or the applicable drought response stage based on the triggering criteria, becomes operative.

Stage 4 Response – CRITICAL Water Shortage Conditions

Target: Achieve a voluntary 48% reduction in daily water demand.

Best Management Practices for Supply Management:

System water loss control and reduced or discontinued irrigation of public landscaped areas.

Water Use Restrictions for Reducing Demand:

All requirements of Stage 2 and 3 shall remain in effect (as listed below) during stage 4 except:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. and between 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle not occurring on the premises of a commercial car wash and commercial service stations and not in the immediate interest of public health, safety, and welfare is prohibited. Further, such vehicle washing at commercial car washes and commercial service stations shall occur only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- (c) The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited.

- (d) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
- (e) No application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought response stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.
- (f) The watering of golf course tees is prohibited unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the Jonah Water Special Utility District.
- (g) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
 - 1. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
 - 2. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 - 3. Use of water for dust control;
 - 4. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
 - 5. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).
- (h) The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.
- (i) Foundation Watering (within 2 feet) and watering of trees may occur for two hours one day per week with a hand-held hose or with a dedicated zone using a Drip Irrigation system and/or Soaker Hose, provided no runoff occurs.
- (j) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.

Enforcement

- (a) No person shall knowingly or intentionally allow the use of water from Jonah Water Special Utility District for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this Plan, or in an amount in excess of that permitted by the drought response stage in effect at the time pursuant to action taken by Board of Directors of Jonah Water Special Utility District, or his/her designee, in accordance with provisions of this Plan
- (b) If a person commits three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the General Manager shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, hereby established at \$75.00, and any other cost incurred by Jonah Water Special Utility District in discontinuing service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the General Manager that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

- (c) Any person, including a person classified as a water customer of Jonah Water Special Utility District, in apparent control of the property where a violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on the person's property shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the person in apparent control of the property committed the violation, but any such person shall have the right to show that he/she did not commit the violation. Parents shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of their minor children and proof that a violation, committed by a child, occurred on property within the parents' control shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the parent committed the violation, but any such parent may be excused if he/she proves that he/she had previously directed the child not to use the water as it was used in violation of this Plan and that the parent could not have reasonably known of the violation.

On behalf of the Directors and Staff of Jonah Water SUD, I want to thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact our office at 512-759-1286 or email customerservice@jonahwater.com

Sincerely,
Bill Brown
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