

Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District

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Press Release -- April 12th, 2011

At their April 11th Regular Meeting, the Board of Directors of the Cow Creek GCD voted unanimously to move from Stage 3 - Moderate Drought to **Stage 4 - Severe Drought**.

General Manager Micah Voulgaris noted lack of rainfall, decline in water levels in 30 of the District's monitor wells, below average stream flow in the Guadalupe River, and the seasonal increase in outdoor lawn irrigation as reasons for the move to Stage 4. Only 4.45 inches, or 32% of average, rainfall has been recorded in the last six months, and the average water level in the District's monitor wells has dropped 5.34 feet in the past month.

Stage 4 Requirements include:

- A mandatory 30% reduction in permitted user's production, or as specified in the operating permit.
- Outdoor lawn and landscape irrigation shall only be allowed during the following outlined days and hours:

Lawn and Landscape Watering Schedule	
<u>Day of the Week</u>	<u>Address ends with #</u>
Monday	0 or 1
Tuesday	2 or 3
Wednesday	4 or 5
Thursday	6 or 7
Friday	8 or 9

- No lawn and landscape irrigation shall be performed between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. No watering on weekends is allowed. Hand-held hoses or hand-held buckets are allowed at any time.
- The use of groundwater for washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, or other paved impermeable areas, except to alleviate health or fire hazards is prohibited.
- The watering of the ground around foundation to prevent foundation cracking with groundwater is permitted only during times designated for lawn and landscape irrigation, unless watering is accomplished by a drip system or a hand-held hose, then foundation watering may be done at any time.

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- The operation, other than for basic filtration and/or recirculation, of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited. Filling of ponds, lakes, tanks, reservoirs, swimming pools or other surface impoundments with groundwater is prohibited. Groundwater may be added to pools to replace water lost due to use or evaporation during times when landscape irrigation is allowed.
- Washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes, and other types of mobile equipment, utilizing groundwater, is prohibited unless it is on the premises of a commercial car wash, service station, or a private facility that utilizes a recycled water system. Charity carwashes are prohibited.

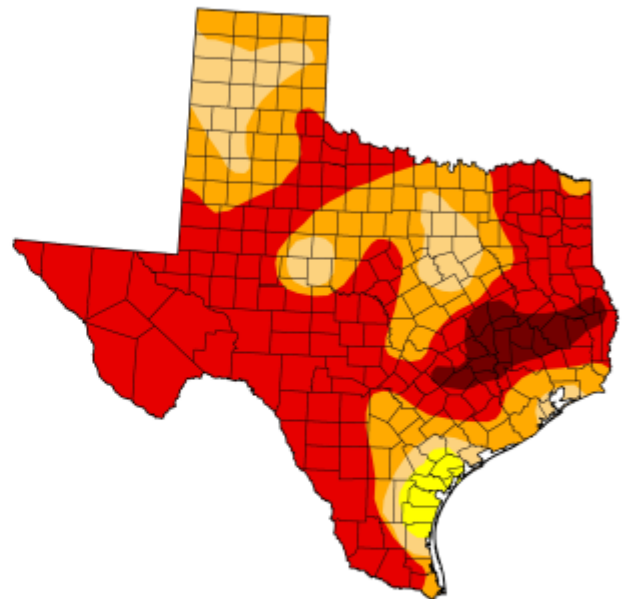
These drought restrictions may be viewed at the District's website www.ccgcd.org. For questions please contact the District at (830) 816-2504.

U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

April 5, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	97.99	86.50	60.14	4.81
Last Week (03/29/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	94.87	78.54	43.07	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/04/2011 map)	13.55	86.45	66.68	36.30	13.04	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	7.89	92.11	69.43	37.46	9.59	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	75.57	24.43	2.43	0.99	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago (03/30/2010 map)	96.51	3.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>



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