

Ables Springs SUD

**2024 Water Conservation and
Water Resource and Emergency
Management Plan**

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DEFINITIONS

AQUATIC LIFE means a vertebrate organism dependent upon an aquatic environment to sustain its life.

ATHLETIC FIELD means a public sports competition field, the essential feature of which is turf grass, used primarily for organized sports practice, competition or exhibition events for schools, professional sports and league play sanctioned by the utility providing retail water supply.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) are voluntary efficiency measures that save a quantifiable amount of water, either directly or indirectly, and that can be implemented within a specific time frame.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE WASH FACILITY means a permanently located business that washes vehicles or other mobile equipment with water or water-based products, including but not limited to self-service car washes, full-service car washes, roll-over/in-bay style car washes, and facilities managing vehicle fleets or vehicle inventory.

COMMERCIAL FACILITY means business or industrial buildings and the associated landscaping, but does not include the fairways, greens, or tees of a golf course.

CONSERVATION includes 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 water supply is made available for future or alternative uses.

COOL SEASON GRASSES are varieties of turf grass that grow best in cool climates primarily in northern and central regions of the U.S. Cool season grasses include but are not limited to perennial and annual rye grass, Kentucky blue grass and fescues.

CUSTOMERS include those entities to whom NTMWD provides wholesale water that are not member cities of NTMWD.

DESIGNATED OUTDOOR WATER USE DAY means a day prescribed by a rule on which a person is permitted to irrigate outdoors.

DRIP IRRIGATION is a type of micro-irrigation system that operates at low pressure and delivers water in slow, small drips to individual plants or groups of plants through a network of plastic conduits and emitters; also called trickle irrigation.

DROUGHT, for the purposes of this report, means an extended period of time when an area receives insufficient amounts of rainfall to replenish the water supply, causing water supply sources (in this case reservoirs) to be depleted.

ET/SMART CONTROLLERS are irrigation controllers that adjust their schedule and run times based on weather (ET) data. These controllers are designed to replace the amount of water lost to evapotranspiration.

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (ET) represents the amount of water lost from plant material to evaporation and transpiration. The amount of ET can be estimated based on the temperature, wind, and relative humidity.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR means the Executive Director of NTMWD and includes a person the Executive Director has designated to administer or perform any task, duty, function, role, or action related to this Plan or on behalf of the Executive Director.

FOUNDATION WATERING means an application of water to the soils directly abutting (within 2 feet of) the foundation of a building or structure.

INTERACTIVE WATER FEATURES means water sprays, dancing water jets, waterfalls, dumping buckets, shooting water cannons, inflatable pools, temporary splash toys or pools, slip-n-slides, or splash pads that are maintained for recreation.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM means a permanently installed, custom-made, site-specific system of delivering water generally for landscape irrigation via a system of pipes or other conduits installed below ground.

LANDSCAPE means any plant material on a property, including any tree, shrub, vine, herb, flower, succulent, ground cover, grass or turf species, that is growing or has been planted out of doors.

MEMBER CITIES include the cities of Allen, Farmersville, Forney, Frisco, Garland, McKinney, Mesquite, Plano, Princeton, Richardson, Rockwall, Royse City, and Wylie, Texas, which are members of NTMWD.

MUNICIPAL USE means the use of potable water provided by a public water supplier as well as the use of treated wastewater effluent for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, and wholesale uses.

NEW LANDSCAPE means: (a) vegetation installed at the time of the construction of a residential or commercial facility; (b) installed as part of a governmental entity's capital improvement project; or (c) installed to stabilize an area disturbed by construction.

ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAIN means an artificially created structure from which a jet, stream, or flow of treated water emanates and is not typically utilized for the preservation of aquatic life.

POND is considered to be a still body of water with a surface area of 500 square feet or more. This does not include recreational swimming pools.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIER is an individual or entity that supplies water to the public for human consumption.

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP is a group established by the Texas Water Development Board to prepare a regional water plan under Texas Water Code §16.053.

REGULATED IRRIGATION PROPERTY means any property of a designated customer class (i.e., commercial) that uses one million gallons of water or more for irrigation purposes in a single calendar year or is greater than one acre in size.

RESIDENTIAL GALLONS PER CAPITA PER DAY (RESIDENTIAL GPCD) means the total gallons sold for retail residential use by a public water supplier divided by the residential population served and then divided by the number of days in the year.

RETAIL CUSTOMERS include those customers to whom the utility provides retail water from a water meter.

REUSE is the authorized use for one or more beneficial purposes of use of water that remains unconsumed after the water is used for the original purpose of use and before that water is either disposed of or discharged or otherwise allowed to flow into a watercourse, lake, or other body of state-owned water.

SOAKER HOSE means a perforated or permeable garden-type hose or pipe that is laid above ground that provides irrigation at a slow and constant rate.

SPRINKLER/SPRAY IRRIGATION is the method of applying water in a controlled manner that is similar to rainfall. The water is distributed through a network that may consist of pumps, valves, pipes, and sprinklers.

SPRINKLER means an above-ground water distribution device that may be attached to a garden hose.

RECREATIONAL/SWIMMING POOL is defined as a body of water that involves contact recreation. This includes activities that are presumed to involve a significant risk of ingestion of water (e.g. wading by children, swimming, water skiing, diving, tubing, surfing, etc.)

TOTAL GALLONS PER CAPITA PER DAY (TOTAL GPCD) means the total amount of water diverted and/or pumped for potable use less wholesale sales divided by the total permanent population divided by the days of the year. Diversion volumes of reuse as defined in TAC §288.1 shall be credited against total diversion volumes for the purposes of calculating GPCD for targets and goals.

WATER CONSERVATION COORDINATOR is the person designated by a retail public water supplier that is responsible for implementing a water conservation plan.

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN means the Member City or Customer water conservation plan approved and adopted by the utility.

WATER RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN means a plan for temporary supply management and demand management responses to temporary and potentially recurring water supply shortages and other water supply emergencies required by Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Chapter 288, Subchapter B. This is sometimes called a drought contingency plan.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ac-Ft/Yr.....	Acre-Feet per Year
BMP.....	Best Management Practices
CDC.....	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
DWU.....	Dallas Water Utilities
E&O.....	Education and Outreach
ED.....	Executive Director
EPA.....	Environmental Protection Agency
ET.....	Evapotranspiration
FNI.....	Freese and Nichols, Inc.
gpf.....	Gallons per Flush
gpm.....	Gallons per Minute
LAMP.....	Linear Asset Management Plan
LRWSP.....	Long Range Water Supply Plan
FWSD.....	Fresh Water Supply District
GPCD.....	Gallons per Capita per Day
ICIM.....	Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Multifamily
MGD.....	Million Gallons per Day
MUD.....	Municipal Utility District
NCTCOG.....	North Central Texas Council of Governments
NTMWD.....	North Texas Municipal Water District
SUD.....	Special Utility District
TCEQ.....	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TRWD.....	Tarrant Regional Water District
TWDB.....	Texas Water Development Board
UTRWD.....	Upper Trinity Regional Water District
UD.....	Utility District
WCAC.....	Water Conservation Advisory Council
WCP.....	Water Conservation Plan
WREMP.....	Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan
WSC.....	Water Supply Corporation
WENNT.....	Water Efficiency Network of North Texas
WTP.....	Water Treatment Plant
WWTP.....	Wastewater Treatment Plant

2024 Water Conservation Plan

This Water Conservation Plan has been developed in accordance with the requirements of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 288. A copy of the version of 30 TAC Chapter 288 in place at the time of this Plan preparation is included in Appendix B.

1.00 INTRODUCTION

Ables Springs SUD is a Customer of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). This Plan was developed following TCEQ guidelines and requirements governing the development of water conservation plans.

The goal of the Water Conservation Plan is to serve as good stewards of water resources by preserving water supplies for essential uses and the protection of public health. The objectives to achieve this goal are as follows:

- To reduce the loss and waste of water.
- To improve efficiency in both indoor and outdoor water use.
- To maximize the level of recycling and reuse.
- To protect and preserve environmental resources.
- To extend the life of current water supplies.
- To raise public awareness of water conservation and encourage responsible personal behavior through public education programs.

1.01 MINIMUM REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

A water conservation plan is defined as “[a] strategy or combination of strategies for reducing the volume of water withdrawn from a water supply source, for reducing the loss or waste of water, for maintaining or improving the efficiency in the use of water, for increasing the recycling and reuse of water, and for preventing the pollution of water. A water conservation plan may be a separate document identified as such or may be contained within another water management document”. Recognizing the need for efficient use of existing water supplies, TCEQ has developed guidelines and requirements governing the development of water conservation and drought contingency plans. The minimum TCEQ requirements and where they are addressed within this document are included in **Appendix B**.

1.02 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDANCE

In addition to TCEQ rules regarding water conservation, this Plan also incorporates both minimum requirements as required from NTMWD and elements from several conservation initiatives.

- **2024 NTMWD Water Conservation Plan** – Member Cities and Customers of the NTMWD are required to implement water conservation strategies as designated in the NTMWD Water Conservation Plan. These strategies

represent minimum measures to be implemented and enforced to promote water conservation and are to remain in effect on a permanent basis.

- **Guidance and Methodology for Reporting on Water Conservation and Water Use** - Developed by TWDB and TCEQ in consultation with the Water Conservation Advisory Council (the Guidance). The Guidance was developed in response to a charge by the 82nd Texas Legislature to develop water use and calculation methodology and guidance for preparation of water use reports and water conservation plans in accordance with TCEQ rules.
- **North Texas Regional Landscape Initiative** – The North Texas regional water providers (NTMWD, DWU and TRWD) collaborated to create the Regional Landscape Initiatives. This document was developed as a resource of best management practices for municipal staff to help reduce water waste and encourage long-term water conservation in the North Texas region. Information consists of the background, importance, and benefits of each BMP and key talking points to consider when implementing the strategy. Several of the optional water management measures included in this Plan are from this collaborative initiative.

2.00 WATER UTILITY PROFILE

This section contains a description of Ables Springs SUD’s service area and water system. This information can also be reviewed in **Appendix C**, which contains a completed TCEQ Water Utility Profile.

2.01 DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE AREA

Ables Springs SUD is located in Kaufman County just southwest of Lake Tawakoni. Our service area consists of nearly 5,000 residents and 1,600 connections.

2.02 WATER UTILITY PROFILE

Ables Springs SUD’s existing water supply is composed of the following sources.

- Purchased Treated Water from NTMWD

3.00 WATER CONSERVATION GOALS

TCEQ rules require the adoption of specific 5-year and 10-year water conservation goals for a water conservation plan.

3.01 5- AND 10-YEAR GOALS

Per capita water use varies from year to year based on several factors including weather conditions, changing demographics and other variables. The TWDB requires specific 5- and 10-year goals which are summarized in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Five- and 10-Year Per Capita Water Use Goals

	Historic 5-Year Average	Baseline	5-Year Goal 2029	10-Year Goal 2034
Total (GPCD) ¹	56	64	69*	65
Residential (GPCD) ²	47	50	60*	55
ICIM (GPCD) ³	2	2	2	2
Water Loss (GPCD) ⁴	6	11	8*	6
Water Loss (Percentage) ⁵	10%	16%	10%*	8%

¹Total GPCD = (Total Gallons in System / Permanent Population) / 365

²Residential GPCD = (Gallons Used for Residential Use / Residential Population) / 365

³ICIM GPCD = (Gallons Used for Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Multi-family Use / Permanent Population) / 365

⁴Water Loss GPCD = (Total Water Loss / Permanent Population) / 365

⁵Water Loss Percentage = (Total Water Loss / Total Gallons in System) x 100; or (Water Loss GPCD / Total GPCD) x 100

* Kaufman County is one of the fastest counties in the USA; due to expected growth, we are estimating our GPCD numbers to rise over the next 5 years.

3.02 METHOD FOR TRACKING

NTMWD requires Member Cities and Customers to complete annual conservation reports by March 31 of the following year and submit them to NTMWD. A copy of the form is included as **Appendix D**.

The completion of this Annual Water Conservation Report allows Ables Springs SUD to track the effectiveness of its water conservation programs over time and reassess those programs that are not providing water savings, ensuring maximum water use efficiency and greater levels of conservation.

4.00 METERING, RECORDS AND WATER LOSS CONTROL

4.01 METERING PROGRAM

One of the key elements in water conservation is careful tracking of water use and control of losses. Careful metering of water deliveries and water use, detection, and repair of leaks in the distribution system, and regular monitoring of unaccounted water are important in controlling losses.

ACCURATE METERING OF TREATED WATER DELIVERIES FROM NTMWD

Accurate metering of water diversions and deliveries, detection, and repair of leaks in the raw water transmission and potable water distribution systems and regular monitoring of nonrevenue water are important elements of NTMWD's program to control losses. Water deliveries from NTMWD are metered by NTMWD using meters with accuracy of $\pm 2\%$. These meters are calibrated on an annual basis by NTMWD to maintain the required accuracy.

METERING OF CUSTOMER AND PUBLIC USES

Ables Springs SUD uses DIHL AMI meters to track the consumption of all Water Accounts.

METER TESTING, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

DIHL meters are brand new and monitored daily by staff via the AMI dashboard. Any meter showing an error or high usage is manually inspected and replaced under warranty if found to be defective.

4.02 MONITORING AND RECORD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

As required by TAC Title 30, Chapter 288, a record management system should allow for the separation of water sales and uses into residential, commercial, public/institutional, and industrial categories. This information is included in the NTMWD annual water conservation report that is included in **Appendix D**.

4.03 WATER LOSS CONTROL PROGRAM

DETERMINATION AND CONTROL OF WATER LOSS

Total water loss is the difference between treated water pumped and authorized consumption or metered deliveries to customers. Authorized consumption includes billed metered uses, unbilled metered uses, and unbilled unmetered uses such as firefighting and releases for flushing of lines.

Water losses include two categories:

- Apparent losses such as inaccuracies in customer meters. (Customer meters tend to run more slowly as they age and under-report actual use). Unauthorized consumption due to illegal connections and theft.
- Real losses due to water main breaks and leaks in the water distribution system and unreported losses.

LEAK DETECTION AND REPAIR

Ables Springs SUD uses a SCADA system for monitoring the flow and pressure of water lines. If any section shows signs of a sudden drop in pressure or flow a Staff member is sent to inspect and repair it. If a resident's meter is showing high water use or consumption a Staff member speaks with the property owner. Ables Springs SUD also uses an AMI dashboard to track water consumption readings, including continuous flows and high usage alerts. If a meter is showing continuous flow for more than 24 hours a staff member is sent to inspect and assist the property owner with turning off the water line if needed.

5.00 CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS FOR WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS

Every water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of this water conservation plan, including any contract extension, will include a requirement that each wholesale customer of Ables Springs SUD must develop and implement a water conservation plan and water conservation measures. If the customer intends to resell the water, then the contract between the initial supplier and customer must specify that the contract for the resale

of the water must have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures in accordance with the provisions of Title 30 TAC Chapter 288.

6.00 RESERVOIR SYSTEM OPERATIONS PLAN

Ables Springs SUD purchases treated water from NTMWD and does not have surface water supplies for which to implement a reservoir system operations plan. NTMWD operates multiple sources of water supply as a system. The operation of the reservoir system is intended to optimize the use of the NTMWD sources (within the constraints of existing water rights) while minimizing energy use cost for pumping, maintaining water quality, minimizing potential impacts on recreational users of the reservoirs and fish and wildlife.

7.00 CONSERVATION PLAN ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT

7.01 MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Staff will implement the Plan in accordance with adoption of the Plan. **Appendix G** contains a copy of the resolution adopted regarding this Plan. The document designates responsible officials to implement and enforce the Plan.

Mandatory water use restrictions may be imposed in Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3.

- Water waste can be reported by district employees or the general public via telephone or email. Notification of violations or courtesy notices will be done by either door hanger, email, or letter. Violations will be documented by electronic photographs and filed for review.
 - First time violations will be assessed a \$50 surcharge for residential connections and \$100 surcharge for commercial connections.
 - A second violation will be assessed \$100 surcharge for residential connections and \$200 surcharge for commercial connections.
 - Third violations will be assessed \$200 surcharge for residential connections and \$400 surcharge for commercial connections.
 - Further violations will result in the assessment of a \$2,000.00 surcharge per violation and/or the installation of a flow restricter at the customer's expense. Each continuing day's violation will constitute a separate violation for the purpose of assessing surcharges. In addition, the District may remove or lock irrigation meters without notice.
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7.02 REVIEW AND UPDATE OF WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

TCEQ requires that the water conservation plan be updated every five years. This Plan will be updated as required and as appropriate based on new or updated information.

7.03 REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP AND NTMWD NOTIFICATION

In accordance with TCEQ regulations, a copy of this water conservation plan was provided to the Region C and D Water Planning Group. In accordance with NTMWD contractual requirements, a copy of this water conservation plan was also sent to NTMWD. **Appendix F** includes a copy of the letters sent.

8.00 WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

8.01 PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

A. NTMWD PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Ables Springs SUD obtains water conservation support from the NTMWD. This includes the several public education and outreach efforts listed in the NTMWD 2024 Water Conservation Plan.

B. PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ables Springs SUD includes educational materials on the Districts website, including the Water My Yard program detailed below, and the districts Staff interacts with residents with questions.

8.02 REQUIRED CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

The following water conservation strategies are required. These strategies represent minimum measures to be implemented and enforced to promote water conservation and are to remain in effect on a permanent basis.

A. TCEQ CONSERVATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The preceding sections cover the regulatory requirements identified in TAC Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter B, Rule 288. These rules are included in **Appendix B**.

B. CONSERVATION COORDINATOR

The designation of a Conservation Coordinator is required by House Bill 1648, effective September 1, 2017 for all retail public water utilities with 3,300 service connections or more. The NTMWD requires that all Member Cities and Customers, regardless of number of connections, appoint a Conservation Coordinator who will serve as the primary point of contact between the entity and the District on conservation matters. The duties of the Conservation Coordinator are as follows:

- Submit an annual conservation report to NTMWD by March 31. This is referred to as

Rates & Policies

Listed below, you will find our current rates and policies. If you do not find the information you need, please contact our office and we will provide it for you.

Standard Residential Service Rates

Monthly Minimum:	\$42.50
Water Included w/ Minimum Bill:	0/gallons
0-2,000	\$7.00 per 1,000 Gallons
2,001-6,000	\$8.00 per 1,000 Gallons
6,001-10,000	\$9.50 per 1,000 Gallons
10,001-20,000	\$11.50 per 1,000 Gallons
20,001-40,000	\$12.50 per 1,000 Gallons
Over 40,000	\$14.50 per 1,000 Gallons

Our community's water meters are read each month. Please contact our office for any additional information.

the 'Appendix D Report'. NTMWD will provide a blank workbook for each Member City and Customer to fill out prior to the deadline.

- Submit an adopted water conservation and water resource and emergency management plan by May 1, 2024 (and every five years afterwards). These plans must be submitted to NTMWD, the applicable Regional Water Planning Group, TCEQ and TWDB. The conservation coordinator is also responsible for submitting a copy of the Plan if it is updated after initial adoption and submission.

Ables Springs SUD's Conservation Coordinator is identified below. Ables Springs SUD will notify NTMWD if this changes at any point before the water conservation plan is updated.

Tammy Wilson
(972) 563-9704
Twaymire@myh2odistrict.com

C. WATER CONSERVATION PRICING

Each Member City and Customer must adopt an increasing block rate water structure that is intended to encourage water conservation and to discourage excessive use and waste of water.

Ables Springs SUD's water rate structure is as follows:

D. _ORDINANCES, PLUMBING CODES, OR RULES ON WATER-CONSERVING FIXTURES

Ables Springs SUD's plumbing code standards encourages water conservation and meets the minimum statutory requirements. The state has required water-conserving fixtures in new construction and renovations since 1992. The state standards call for flows of no more than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm) for faucets, 2.5 gpm for showerheads. As of January 1, 2014, the state requires maximum average flow rates of 1.28 gallons per flush (gpf) for toilets and 0.5 gpf for urinals. Similar standards are now required under federal law. These state and federal standards assure that all new construction and renovations will use water-conserving fixtures.

E. REUSE AND RECYCLING OF WASTEWATER

NTMWD currently has the largest wastewater reuse program in the state. NTMWD has water rights allowing reuse of up to 71,882 acre-feet per year (64 MGD) of treated wastewater discharges from the Wilson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant for municipal purposes. Additionally, NTMWD has permitted and is currently constructing the Sister Grove Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) in the Lavon Lake watershed. This facility will have an initial capacity of 16 MGD and an ultimate capacity of 64 MGD.

NTMWD has also developed the East Fork Water Reuse Project which can divert treated wastewater discharges by NTMWD and purchased wastewater return flows from TRA via Main Stem Pump Station. NTMWD also provides treated effluent from its wastewater treatment plants available for direct reuse for landscape irrigation and industrial use.

F. YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULES

A mandatory weekly watering schedule has been gradually gaining acceptance in the region and the state. NTMWD requires all Member Cities and Customers to adhere to a permanent outdoor watering schedule.

- **Summer (April 1 – October 31)** – Spray irrigation with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address must be limited to no more than **two days per week**. Additionally, prohibit lawn irrigation watering from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Education should be provided that irrigation **should only be used when needed**, which is often less than twice per week, even in the heat of summer.
- **Winter (November 1 – March 31)** – Spray irrigation with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address must be limited to no more than **one day per week** with education that less than once per week (or not at all) is usually adequate.

Additional irrigation may be provided by hand-held hose with shutoff nozzle, use of dedicated irrigation drip zones, and/or soaker hose provided no runoff occurs. Many North Texas

horticulturists have endorsed twice-weekly watering as more than sufficient for landscapes in the region, even in the heat of summer.

G. TIME OF DAY WATERING SCHEDULE

NTMWD requires that during the summer months (April 1 – October 31) under normal conditions, spray irrigation with an irrigation system or sprinkler is only permitted on authorized watering days, before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. The primary purpose of this measure is to reduce wind drift and evaporation losses during the active growing season. The time-of-day watering schedule requirement increases watering efficiency by eliminating outdoor irrigation use when climatic factors negatively impact irrigation system efficiencies. Midday irrigation is not an optimal time to irrigate because evapotranspiration rates are higher, and plants are more susceptible to stress associated with factors such as higher temperatures and lower relative humidity.

H. IRRIGATION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW AND COMMERCIAL SYSTEMS

In 2007, the 80th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1656, Senate Bill 3, and House Bill 4 related to regulating irrigation systems and irrigators by adopting minimum standards and specifications for designing, installing, and operating irrigation systems. The Texas legislation required cities with a population over 20,000 to develop a landscape irrigation program that includes permitting, inspection, and enforcement of water conservation for new irrigation systems.

NTMWD *requires* all Member Cities and Customers adhere to a minimum set of irrigation standards:

- 1) Require that all new irrigation systems be in compliance with state design and installation regulations (Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Chapter 344).
 - 2) Require operational rain and freeze sensors and/or ET or Smart controllers on all new irrigation systems. Rain and freeze sensors and/or ET or Smart controllers must be properly maintained to function properly.
 - 3) Require that irrigation systems be inspected at the same time as initial backflow preventer inspection.
 - 4) Require the owner of a regulated irrigation property to obtain an evaluation of any permanently installed irrigation system on an annual basis. The irrigation evaluation shall be conducted by a licensed irrigator in the state of Texas and be submitted to the local water provider (i.e., district, water supply corporation).
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I. WATER WASTE PROVISIONS

NTMWD requires all Member Cities and Customers prohibit activities that waste water. The main purpose of a water waste ordinance is to provide for a means to enforce that water waste is prevented during lawn and landscape irrigation, that water resources are conserved for their most beneficial and vital uses, and that public health is protected. It provides a defined enforcement mechanism for exceptional neglect related to the proper maintenance and efficient use of water fixtures, pipes, and irrigation systems. The ordinance can provide additional assistance or enforcement actions if no corrective action has been taken after a certain number of correspondences.

NTMWD **requires** that the following water waste ordinance offenses include:

- 1) The use of irrigation systems that water impervious surfaces. (Wind-driven water drift will be taken into consideration.)
 - 2) Outdoor watering during precipitation or freeze events.
 - 3) The use of poorly maintained sprinkler systems that waste water.
 - 4) Excess water runoff or other obvious waste.
 - 5) Overseeding, sodding, sprigging, broadcasting or plugging with cool season grasses or watering cool season grasses, except for golf courses and athletic fields.
 - 6) The use of potable water to fill or refill residential, amenity, and any other natural or manmade ponds. A pond is considered to be a still body of water with a surface area of 500 square feet or more. This does not include recreational swimming pools.
 - 7) Non-commercial car washing that does not use a water hose with an automatic shut-off valve.
 - 8) Hotels and motels that do not offer a linen reuse water conservation option to customers.
 - 9) Restaurants, bars, and other commercial food or beverage establishments that provide drinking water to customers unless a specific request is made by the customer for drinking water.
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2024 Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan

Under Texas Water Code Chapter 11 and Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 288, Retail, Irrigation and Wholesale Public Water Suppliers are required to develop, implement and submit updated Drought Contingency Plans to TCEQ every five years.

1.00 INTRODUCTION

Ables Springs SUD is a Customer of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). This Plan was developed following TCEQ guidelines and requirements governing the development of drought contingency plans.

The goal of the water resource and emergency management plan is to prepare for potential water shortages and to preserve water for essential uses and the protection of public health. The objectives to achieve this goal are as follows:

- To save water during droughts, water shortages, and emergencies.
- To save water for domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection.
- To protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety.
- To reduce the adverse impacts of shortages.
- To reduce the adverse impacts of emergency water supply conditions.

Note: NTMWD refers to their drought contingency plan (DCP) as the water resource and emergency management plan (WREMP) and should be considered synonymous with a DCP.

1.01 MINIMUM REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

A drought contingency plan is defined as “a strategy or combination of strategies for temporary supply and demand management responses to temporary and potentially recurring water supply shortages and other water supply emergencies”. Recognizing the need for efficient use of existing water supplies, TCEQ has developed guidelines and requirements governing the development of water conservation and drought contingency plans.

The minimum TCEQ requirements and where they are addressed within this document are described in **Appendix B**.

2.00 IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

2.01 PROVISIONS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT

Ables Springs SUD provided opportunity for public input in the development of this Plan by the following means:

- Providing written notice of the proposed Plan and the opportunity to comment on the Plan by newspaper and posted notice.
- Posting the draft Plan on the community website and/or social media.
- Providing the draft Plan to anyone requesting a copy.

- Holding a public meeting regarding the Plan on 5/15/2024. Public notice of this meeting was provided on the community website and in local newspapers.
- Approving the Plan at a public Board meeting on 5/15/2024. Public notices of this meeting were provided on the community website and live audio was available during the meeting.

2.02 PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

Ables Springs SUD informs and educates the public about the Plan by the following means:

- Preparing a bulletin describing the plan and making it available at Districts main office and/or other appropriate locations.
- Including information and making the Plan available to the public through the community website and/or social media.
- Notifying local organizations, schools, and civic groups that utility staff are available to make presentations on the Plan (usually in conjunction with presentations on water conservation programs).
- At any time that the Plan is activated or changes, Ables Springs SUD will notify local media of the issues, the water resource management stage (if applicable), and the specific actions required of the public. The information will also be publicized on the community website and/or social media. Billing inserts will also be used as appropriate.

2.03 COORDINATION WITH THE REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUPS AND NTMWD

Appendix F of this Plan includes copies of letters sent to the Chairs of the appropriate regional water planning groups as well as NTMWD.

2.04 INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STATGES

A. INITIATION OF A WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STAGE

The General Manager may order the implementation of a water resource management stage when one or more of the trigger conditions for that stage is met.

- NTMWD has initiated a water resource management stage. (Stages imposed by NTMWD action **must** be initiated by Member Cities and Customers.)

The following actions will be taken when a water resource management stage is initiated:

- The public will be notified through local media and the supplier's website.

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- Wholesale customers and NTMWD will be notified by email that provides details of the reasons for initiation of the water resource management stage.
- If any mandatory provisions of the Plan are activated, Ables Springs SUD will notify TCEQ and the NTMWD Executive Director within five business days. Instructions to report drought contingency plan water use restrictions to TCEQ is available online at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/homeland_security/security_pws.

B. TERMINATION OF A WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STAGE

Water resource management stages initiated by NTMWD may be terminated after NTMWD has terminated the stage. For stages initiated by the General Manager, they may order the termination of a water resource management stage when the conditions for termination are met or at their discretion.

The following actions will be taken when a water resource management stage is terminated:

- The public will be notified through local media and the supplier’s website.
- Wholesale customers and NTMWD will be notified by email.
- If any mandatory provisions of the Plan that have been activated are terminated, Ables Springs SUD will notify TCEQ Executive Director and the NTMWD Executive Director within five business days. Instructions to report drought contingency plan water use restrictions to TCEQ is available online at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/homeland_security/security_pws.

The General Manager may decide not to order the termination of a water resource management stage even though the conditions for termination of the stage are met. Factors which could influence such a decision include, but are not limited to, the time of the year, weather conditions, or the anticipation of potentially changed conditions that warrant the continuation of the water resource management stage. The reason for this decision should be documented.

2.05 PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING VARIANCES TO THE PLAN

The General Manager may grant temporary variances for existing water uses otherwise prohibited under this Plan if one or more of the following conditions are met:

- Failure to grant such a variance would cause an emergency condition adversely affecting health, sanitation, or fire safety for the public or the person or entity requesting the variance.
- Compliance with this Plan cannot be accomplished due to technical or other limitations.

- Alternative methods that achieve the same level of reduction in water use can be implemented.

Variances shall be granted or denied at the discretion of the General Manager. All petitions for variances should be in writing and should include the following information:

- Name and address of the petitioners.
- Purpose of water use.
- Specific provisions from which relief is requested.
- Detailed statement of the adverse effect of the provision from which relief is requested.
- Description of the relief requested.
- Period of time for which the variance is sought.
- Alternative measures that will be taken to reduce water use and the level of water use reduction.
- Other pertinent information.

2.06 PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCING MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

Mandatory water use restrictions may be imposed in Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3.

Water waste can be reported by district employees or the general public via telephone or email.

Notification of violations or courtesy notices will be done by either door hanger, email, or letter.

Violations will be documented by electronic photographs and filed for review. First time violations will be assessed a \$50 surcharge for residential connections and \$100 surcharge for commercial connections.

A second violation will be assessed \$100 surcharge for residential connections and \$200 surcharge for commercial connections. Third violations will be assessed \$200 surcharge for residential connections and \$400 surcharge for commercial connections. Further violations will result in the assessment of a

\$2,000.00 surcharge per violation and/or the installation of a flow restricter at the customer expense.

Each continuing day's violation will constitute a separate violation for the purpose of assessing surcharges. In addition, the District may remove or lock irrigation meters without notice.

2.07 REVIEW AND UPDATE OF WATER RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

As required by TCEQ rules, Ables Springs SUD must review their respective Plan every five years. The plan will be updated as appropriate based on new or updated information.

3.00 WATER RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Initiation and termination criteria for water management stages include general, demand, supply, and emergency criteria. One of the major indicators of approaching or ongoing drought conditions is NTMWD’s combined reservoir storage, defined as storage at Lavon Lake plus storage in Bois d’Arc Lake. Percent storage is determined by dividing the current storage by the total conservation storage when the lakes are full. **Table 1** summarizes the water management stages by triggers based on percent combined storage and associated demand reduction goals and outdoor watering restrictions. The following sections go into more detail on the three water management stages.

TCEQ requires notification when mandatory restrictions are placed on a customer. NTMWD must notify TCEQ when they impose mandatory restrictions on Member Cities and Customers. Member Cities and Customers must likewise notify TCEQ when they impose mandatory restrictions on their customers (wholesale or retail). Measures that impose mandatory requirements on customers are denoted with “**requires notification to TCEQ**”.

NTMWD and the utilities must notify TCEQ within five business days if these measures are implemented (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought/drought-and-public-water-systems>).

Table 2: Water Management Plan Stages Summary

Drought Stage		April to October	November to March	Demand Reduction Goal	Outdoor Watering Restrictions
		Percent Combined Storage			
Stage 1	Initiation	70%	60%	2%	2X per week (Apr-Oct) 1X per week (Nov-Mar)
	Termination	75%	65%		
Stage 2	Initiation	55%	45%	5%	1X per week (Apr-Oct) 1X every other week (Nov-Mar)
	Termination	70%	60%		
Stage 3	Initiation	30%	20%	30%	No outdoor watering
	Termination	55%	45%		

3.01 WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – STAGE 1

A. INITIATION AND TERMINATION CRITERIA FOR STAGE 1

NTMWD has initiated Stage 1, which may be initiated when one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the declaration of Stage 1.
 - One or more source(s) is interrupted, unavailable, or limited due to contamination, invasive species, equipment failure or other cause.
 - The water supply system is unable to deliver needed supplies due to the failure or damage of major water system components.
 - Part of the system has a shortage of supply or damage to equipment. (NTMWD may implement measures for only that portion of the system impacted.)
 - A portion of the service area is experiencing an extreme weather event or power grid/supply disruptions.
- **Demand Criteria**
 - Water demand has exceeded or is expected to exceed 90% of maximum sustainable production or delivery capacity for an extended period.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d’Arc Lake, as published by the TWDB, is less than:
 - 70% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October
 - 60% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March
 - The Sabine River Authority (SRA) has indicated that its Upper Basin water supplies used by NTMWD (Lake Tawakoni and/or Lake Fork) are in a Stage 1 drought.
 - NTMWD is concerned that Lake Texoma, Jim Chapman Lake, the East Fork Water Reuse Project, Main Stem Pump Station, and/or some other NTMWD water source may be limited in availability within the next six months.

Stage 1 may terminate when one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the termination of Stage 1.
 - The circumstances that caused the initiation of Stage 1 no longer prevail.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d'Arc Lakes, as published by the TWDB, is greater than:
 - 75% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October
 - 65% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March

B. GOAL FOR USE REDUCTION UNDER STAGE 1

The goal for water use reduction under Stage 1 is an annual reduction of 2% in the use that would have occurred in the absence of water management measures. Because discretionary water use is highly concentrated in the summer months, savings should be higher than 5% in summer to achieve an annual savings goal of 2%. **If circumstances warrant, the Executive Director can set a goal for greater or less water use reduction.**

C. WATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES AVAILABLE UNDER STAGE 1

The actions listed below are provided as potential measures to reduce water demand. NTMWD may choose to implement any or all of the available restrictions in Stage 1.

- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD.** Require Member Cities and Customers (including indirect Customers) to initiate Stage 1 restrictions in their respective, independently adopted water resource management plans.
- Continue actions described in the water conservation plan.
- Increase enforcement of landscape watering restrictions from the water conservation plan.
- Initiate engineering studies to evaluate alternative actions that can be implemented if conditions worsen.
- Accelerate public education efforts on ways to reduce water use.
- Halt non-essential NTMWD water use.

- Encourage the public to wait until the current drought or water emergency situation has passed before establishing new landscaping.
- Encourage all users to reduce the frequency of draining and refilling swimming pools.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers and/or NTMWD.** Initiate a rate surcharge for all water use over a certain level.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Parks, golf courses, and athletic fields using potable water for landscape watering are required to meet the same reduction goals and measures outlined in this stage. As an exception, golf course greens and tee boxes may be hand watered as needed.

3.02 WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – STAGE 2

A. INITIATION AND TERMINATION CRITERIA FOR STAGE 2

NTMWD has initiated Stage 2, which may be initiated due to one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the declaration of Stage 2.
 - One or more supply source(s) is interrupted, unavailable, or limited due to contamination, invasive species, equipment failure or other cause.
 - The water supply system is unable to deliver needed supplies due to the failure or damage of major water system components.
 - Part of the system has a shortage of supply or damage to equipment. (NTMWD may implement measures for only that portion of the system impacted.)
 - A portion of the service area is experiencing an extreme weather event or power grid/supply disruptions.
- **Demand Criteria**
 - Water demand has exceeded or is expected to exceed 95% of maximum sustainable production or delivery capacity for an extended period.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d’Arc Lake, as published by the TWDB, is less than
 - 55% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October

- 45% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March
- SRA has indicated that its Upper Basin water supplies used by NTMWD (Lake Tawakoni and/or Lake Fork) are in a Stage 2 drought.
- NTMWD is concerned that Lake Texoma, Jim Chapman Lake, the East Fork Water Reuse Project, the Main Stem Pump Station, and/or some other NTMWD water source may be limited in availability within the next three months.

Stage 2 may terminate when one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the termination of Stage 2.
 - The circumstances that caused the initiation of Stage 2 no longer prevail.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d’Arc Lake, as published by the TWDB, is greater than
 - 70% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October
 - 60% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March

B. GOAL FOR USE REDUCTION UNDER STAGE 2

The goal for water use reduction under Stage 2 is an annual reduction of 5% in the use that would have occurred in the absence of water resource management measures. Because discretionary water use is highly concentrated in the summer months, savings should be higher than 5% in summer to achieve an annual savings goal of 5%. **If circumstances warrant, the Executive Director can set a goal for greater or less water use reduction.**

C. WATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES AVAILABLE UNDER STAGE 2

The actions listed below are provided as potential measures to reduce water demand. NTMWD may choose to implement any or all of the available restrictions in Stage 2.

- Continue or initiate any actions available under the water conservation plan and Stage 1.
- Implement viable alternative water supply strategies.

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- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD.** Require Member Cities and Customers (including indirect Customers) to initiate Stage 2 restrictions in their respective, independently adopted water resource management plans.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD and/or Member Cities and Customers.** Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address to once per week on designated days between April 1 and October 31. Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address to once every other week on designated days between November 1 and March 31. Exceptions are as follows:
 - New construction may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the installation of new landscape features.
 - Foundation watering (within 2 feet), watering of new plantings (first year) of shrubs, and watering of trees (within a 10-foot radius of its trunk) for up to two hours on any day by a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system, provided no runoff occurs.
 - Athletic fields may be watered twice per week.
 - Locations using alternative sources of water supply only for irrigation may irrigate without day-of-the-week restrictions provided proper signage is employed to notify the public of the alternative water source(s) being used. However, irrigation using alternative sources of supply is subject to all other restrictions applicable to this stage. If the alternative supply source is a well, proper proof of well registration with your local water supplier (e.g., district, water supply corporation) is required. Other sources of water supply may not include imported treated water.
 - An exemption is for drip irrigation systems from the designated outdoor water use day limited to no more than one day per week. Drip irrigation systems are, however, subject to all other restrictions applicable under this stage.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit overseeding, sodding, sprigging, broadcasting or plugging with or watering, except for golf courses and athletic fields.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD.** Institute a mandated reduction in water deliveries to all Member Cities and Customers. Such a reduction will be distributed as required by Texas Water Code Section 11.039 (**Appendix E**).
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers and/or NTMWD.** Initiate a rate surcharge for all water use over a certain level.

- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Parks and golf courses using potable water for landscape watering are required to meet the same reduction goals and measures outlined in this stage. As an exception, golf course greens and tee boxes may be hand watered as needed.

3.03 WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – STAGE 3

A. INITIATION AND TERMINATION CRITERIA FOR STAGE 3

NTMWD has initiated Stage 3, which may be initiated due to one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the declaration of Stage 3.
 - One or more supply source(s) is interrupted, unavailable, or limited due to contamination, invasive species, equipment failure, or other cause.
 - The water supply system is unable to deliver needed supplies due to the failure or damage of major water system components.
 - Part of the system has a shortage of supply or damage to equipment. (NTMWD may implement measures for only that portion of the system impacted.)
 - A portion of the service area is experiencing an extreme weather event or power grid/supply disruptions.
- **Demand Criteria**
 - Water demand has exceeded or is expected to exceed maximum sustainable production or delivery capacity for an extended period.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d’Arc Lake, as published by the TWDB, is less than
 - 30% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October
 - 20% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March
- SRA has indicated that its Upper Basin water supplies used by NTMWD (Lake Tawakoni and/or Lake Fork) are in a drought and have significantly reduced supplies available to NTMWD.

- The supply from Lake Texoma, Jim Chapman Lake, the East Fork Water Reuse Project, the Main Stem Pump Station, and/or some other NTMWD water source has become limited in availability.

Stage 3 may terminate when one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the termination of Stage 3.
 - Other circumstances that caused the initiation of Stage 3 no longer prevail.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d'Arc Lake, as published by the TWDB, is greater than:
 - 55% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October
 - 45% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March

B. GOAL FOR USE REDUCTION UNDER STAGE 3

The goal for water use reduction under Stage 3 is an annual reduction of 30% in the use that would have occurred in the absence of water resource management measures, or the goal for water use reduction is whatever reduction is necessary. Because discretionary water use is highly concentrated in the summer months, savings should be higher than 30% in summer to achieve an annual savings goal of 30%. **If circumstances warrant, the Executive Director can set a goal for greater or less water use reduction.**

C. WATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES AVAILABLE UNDER STAGE 3

The actions listed below are provided as potential measures to reduce water demand. NTMWD may choose to implement any or all of the available restrictions in Stage 3.

- Continue or initiate any actions available under the water conservation plan and Stages 1 and 2.
- Implement viable alternative water supply strategies.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD.** Require Member Cities and Customers (including indirect Customers) to initiate Stage 3 restrictions in their respective, independently adopted water resource management plans.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Initiate mandatory water use restrictions as follows:

- Hosing and washing of paved areas, buildings, structures, windows or other surfaces is prohibited except by variance and performed by a professional service using high efficiency equipment.
 - Prohibit operation of ornamental fountains or ponds that use potable water except where supporting aquatic life.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit new sod, overseeding, sodding, sprigging, broadcasting, or plugging with or watering.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit the use of potable water for the irrigation of new landscape.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD and/or Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit all commercial and residential landscape watering, except foundations (within 2 feet) and trees (within a 10-foot radius of its trunk) may be watered for two hours one day per week with a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system provided no runoff occurs. Drip irrigation systems are not exempt from this requirement.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit washing of vehicles except at a commercial vehicle wash facility.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Landscape watering of parks, golf courses, and athletic fields with potable water is prohibited. As an exception, golf course greens and tee boxes may be hand watered as needed. Variances may be granted by the water provider under special circumstances.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit the filling, draining, and/or refilling of existing swimming pools, wading pools, Jacuzzi and hot tubs except to maintain structural integrity, proper operation and maintenance or to alleviate a public safety risk. Existing pools may add water to replace losses from normal use and evaporation. Permitting of new swimming pools, wading pools, Jacuzzi and hot tubs is prohibited.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit the operation of interactive water features such as water sprays, dancing water jets, waterfalls, dumping buckets, shooting water cannons, inflatable pools, temporary splash toys or pools, slip-n-slides, or splash pads that are maintained for recreation.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Require all commercial water users to reduce water use by a set percentage.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD.** Institute a mandated reduction in deliveries to all Member Cities and Customers. Such a reduction will be distributed as required by Texas Water Code Section 11.039.

- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD and/or Member Cities and Customers.**
Initiate a rate surcharge over normal rates for all water use or for water use over a certain level

Appendix A

List of References

The following appendix contains a list of references used throughout the plans.

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LIST OF REFERENCES

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Appendix B

Texas Administrative Code Title 30

Chapter 288

The following appendix contains the Texas Administrative Code that regulates both water conservation and drought contingency plans. Prior to the code, a summary is given that outlines where each requirement is fulfilled within the plans.

APPENDIX B

TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TITLE 30 CHAPTER 288

TCEQ rules governing development of water conservation plans are contained in Title 30, Chapter 288, Subchapter A of the Texas Administrative Code, which is included in this Appendix for reference.

The water conservation plan elements required by TCEQ water conservation rules that are covered in this water conservation plan are listed below.

Minimum Conservation Plan Requirements for Public Water Suppliers

- 288.2(a)(1)(A) – Utility Profile – Section 2
- 288.2(a)(1)(B) – Record Management System – Section 4
- 288.2(a)(1)(C) – Specific, Quantified Goals – Section 3
- 288.2(a)(1)(D) – Accurate Metering – Section 4
- 288.2(a)(1)(E) – Universal Metering – Section 4
- 288.2(a)(1)(F) – Determination and Control of Water Loss – Section 4
- 288.2(a)(1)(G) – Public Education and Information Program – Section 8
- 288.2(a)(1)(H) – Non-Promotional Water Rate Structure – Section 8
- 288.2(a)(1)(I) – Reservoir System Operation Plan – Section 6
- 288.2(a)(1)(J) – Means of Implementation and Enforcement – Section 7
- 288.2(a)(1)(K) – Coordination with Regional Water Planning Group – Section 7
- 288.2(c) – Review and Update of Plan – Section 7

Additional Requirements for Public Water Suppliers (Population over 5,000)

- 288.2(a)(2)(A) – *Leak Detection, Repair, and Water Loss Accounting* – Section 4
- 288.2(a)(2)(B) – *Requirement for Water Conservation Plans by Wholesale Customers* – Section 5

Minimum Conservation Plan Requirements for Wholesale Water Suppliers

- 288.5(1)(A) – *Description of Service Area* – Section 2
 - 288.5(1)(B) – *Specific, Quantified Goals* – Section 3
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- 288.5(1)(C) – *Measure and Account for Water Diverted* – Section 4
 - 288.5(1)(D) – *Monitoring and Record Management Program* – Section 4
 - 288.5(1)(E) – *Program of Metering and Leak Detection and Repair* – Section 4
 - 288.5(1)(F) – *Requirement for Water Conservation Plans by Wholesale Customers* – Section 5
 - 288.5(1)(G) – *Reservoir System Operation Plan* – Section 6
 - 288.5(1)(H) – *Means of Implementation and Enforcement* – Section 7
 - 288.5(1)(I) – *Documentation of Coordination with Regional Water Planning Group* – Section 7
 - 288.5(3) – *Review and Update of Plan* – Section 7
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<u>TITLE 30</u>	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
<u>PART 1</u>	TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
<u>CHAPTER 288</u>	WATER CONSERVATION PLANS, DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS, GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS
<u>SUBCHAPTER A</u>	WATER CONSERVATION PLANS
RULE §288.1	Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) Agricultural or Agriculture--Any of the following activities:

(A) cultivating the soil to produce crops for human food, animal feed, or planting seed or for the production of fibers;

(B) the practice of floriculture, viticulture, silviculture, and horticulture, including the cultivation of plants in containers or non-soil media by a nursery grower;

(C) raising, feeding, or keeping animals for breeding purposes or for the production of food or fiber, leather, pelts, or other tangible products having a commercial value;

(D) raising or keeping equine animals;

(E) wildlife management; and

(F) planting cover crops, including cover crops cultivated for transplantation, or leaving land idle for the purpose of participating in any governmental program or normal crop or livestock rotation procedure.

(2) Agricultural use--Any use or activity involving agriculture, including irrigation.

(3) Best management practices--Voluntary efficiency measures that save a quantifiable amount of water, either directly or indirectly, and that can be implemented within a specific time frame.

(4) 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 water supply is made available for future or alternative uses.

(5) Commercial use--The use of water by a place of business, such as a hotel, restaurant, or office building. This does not include multi-family residences or agricultural, industrial, or institutional users.

(6) Drought contingency plan--A strategy or combination of strategies for temporary supply and demand management responses to temporary and potentially recurring water supply shortages and other water supply emergencies. A drought contingency plan may be a separate document identified as such or may be contained within another water management document(s).

(7) Industrial use--The use of water in processes designed to convert materials of a lower order of value into forms having greater usability and commercial value, and the development of power by means other than hydroelectric, but does not include agricultural use.

(8) Institutional use--The use of water by an establishment dedicated to public service, such as a school, university, church, hospital, nursing home, prison or government facility. All facilities dedicated to public service are considered institutional regardless of ownership.

(9) Irrigation--The agricultural use of water for the irrigation of crops, trees, and pastureland, including, but not limited to, golf courses and parks which do not receive water from a public water supplier.

(10) Irrigation water use efficiency--The percentage of that amount of irrigation water which is beneficially used by agriculture crops or other vegetation relative to the amount of water diverted from the source(s) of supply. Beneficial uses of water for irrigation purposes include, but are not limited to, evapotranspiration needs for vegetative maintenance and growth, salinity management, and leaching requirements associated with irrigation.

(11) Mining use--The use of water for mining processes including hydraulic use, drilling, washing sand and gravel, and oil field re-pressuring.

(12) Municipal use--The use of potable water provided by a public water supplier as well as the use of sewage effluent for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, and wholesale uses.

(13) Nursery grower--A person engaged in the practice of floriculture, viticulture, silviculture, and horticulture, including the cultivation of plants in containers or nonsoil media, who grows more than 50% of the products that the person either sells or leases, regardless of the variety sold, leased, or grown. For the purpose of this definition, grow means the actual cultivation or propagation of the product beyond the mere holding or maintaining of the item prior to sale or lease, and typically includes activities associated with the production or multiplying of stock such as the development of new plants from cuttings, grafts, plugs, or seedlings.

(14) Pollution--The alteration of the physical, thermal, chemical, or biological quality of, or the contamination of, any water in the state that renders the water harmful, detrimental, or injurious to humans, animal life, vegetation, or property, or to the public health, safety, or welfare, or impairs the usefulness or the public enjoyment of the water for any lawful or reasonable purpose.

(15) Public water supplier--An individual or entity that supplies water to the public for human consumption.

(16) Regional water planning group--A group established by the Texas Water Development Board to prepare a regional water plan under Texas Water Code §16.053.

(17) Residential gallons per capita per day--The total gallons sold for residential use by a public water supplier divided by the residential population served and then divided by the number of days in the year.

(18) Residential use--The use of water that is billed to single and multi-family residences, which applies to indoor and outdoor uses.

(19) Retail public water supplier--An individual or entity that for compensation supplies water to the public for human consumption. The term does not include an individual or entity that supplies water to itself or its employees or tenants when that water is not resold to or used by others.

(20) Reuse--The authorized use for one or more beneficial purposes of use of water that remains unconsumed after the water is used for the original purpose of use and before that water is either disposed of or discharged or otherwise allowed to flow into a watercourse, lake, or other body of state-owned water.

(21) Total use--The volume of raw or potable water provided by a public water supplier to billed customer sectors or nonrevenue uses and the volume lost during conveyance, treatment, or transmission of that water.

(22) Total gallons per capita per day (GPCD)--The total amount of water diverted and/or pumped for potable use divided by the total permanent population divided by the days of the year. Diversion volumes of reuse as defined in this chapter shall be credited against total diversion volumes for the purposes of calculating GPCD for targets and goals.

(23) Water conservation coordinator--The person designated by a retail public water supplier that is responsible for implementing a water conservation plan.

(24) Water conservation plan--A strategy or combination of strategies for reducing the volume of water withdrawn from a water supply source, for reducing the loss or waste of water, for maintaining or improving the efficiency in the use of water, for increasing the

recycling and reuse of water, and for preventing the pollution of water. A water conservation plan may be a separate document identified as such or may be contained within another water management document(s).

(25) Wholesale public water supplier--An individual or entity that for compensation supplies water to another for resale to the public for human consumption. The term does not include an individual or entity that supplies water to itself or its employees or tenants as an incident of that employee service or tenancy when that water is not resold to or used by others, or an individual or entity that conveys water to another individual or entity, but does not own the right to the water which is conveyed, whether or not for a delivery fee.

(26) Wholesale use--Water sold from one entity or public water supplier to other retail water purveyors for resale to individual customers.

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<u>SUBCHAPTER A</u>	WATER CONSERVATION PLANS
RULE §288.2	Water Conservation Plans for Municipal Uses by Public Water Suppliers

(a) A water conservation plan for municipal water use by public water suppliers must provide information in response to the following. If the plan does not provide information for each requirement, the public water supplier shall include in the plan an explanation of why the requirement is not applicable.

(1) Minimum requirements. All water conservation plans for municipal uses by public water suppliers must include the following elements:

(A) a utility profile in accordance with the Texas Water Use Methodology, including, but not limited to, information regarding population and customer data, water use data (including total gallons per capita per day (GPCD) and residential GPCD), water supply system data, and wastewater system data;

(B) a record management system which allows for the classification of water sales and uses into the most detailed level of water use data currently available to it, including, if possible, the sectors listed in clauses (i) - (vi) of this subparagraph. Any new billing system purchased by a public water supplier must be capable of reporting detailed water use data as described in clauses (i) - (vi) of this subparagraph:

- (i) residential;
 - (I) single family;
 - (II) multi-family;
 - (ii) commercial;
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- (iii) institutional;
- (iv) industrial;
- (v) agricultural; and,
- (vi) wholesale.

(C) specific, quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings to include goals for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in total GPCD and residential GPCD. The goals established by a public water supplier under this subparagraph are not enforceable;

(D) metering device(s), within an accuracy of plus or minus 5.0% in order to measure and account for the amount of water diverted from the source of supply;

(E) a program for universal metering of both customer and public uses of water, for meter testing and repair, and for periodic meter replacement;

(F) measures to determine and control water loss (for example, periodic visual inspections along distribution lines; annual or monthly audit of the water system to determine illegal connections; abandoned services; etc.);

(G) a program of continuing public education and information regarding water conservation;

(H) a water rate structure which is not "promotional," i.e., a rate structure which is cost-based and which does not encourage the excessive use of water;

(I) a reservoir systems operations plan, if applicable, providing for the coordinated operation of reservoirs owned by the applicant within a common watershed or river basin in order to optimize available water supplies; and

(J) a means of implementation and enforcement which shall be evidenced by:

(i) a copy of the ordinance, resolution, or tariff indicating official adoption of the water conservation plan by the water supplier; and

(ii) a description of the authority by which the water supplier will implement and enforce the conservation plan; and

(K) documentation of coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the public water supplier in order to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(2) Additional content requirements. Water conservation plans for municipal uses by public drinking water suppliers serving a current population of 5,000 or more and/or a projected population of 5,000 or more within the next ten years subsequent to the effective date of the plan must include the following elements:

(A) a program of leak detection, repair, and water loss accounting for the water transmission, delivery, and distribution system;

(B) a requirement in every wholesale water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of the plan (by either ordinance, resolution, or tariff), and including any contract extension, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement a water conservation plan or water conservation measures using the applicable elements in this chapter. If the customer intends to resell the water, the contract between the initial supplier and customer must provide that the contract for the resale of the water must have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(3) Additional conservation strategies. Any combination of the following strategies shall be selected by the water supplier, in addition to the minimum requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, if they are necessary to achieve the stated water conservation goals of the plan. The commission may require that any of the following strategies be implemented by the water supplier if the commission determines that the strategy is necessary to achieve the goals of the water conservation plan:

(A) conservation-oriented water rates and water rate structures such as uniform or increasing block rate schedules, and/or seasonal rates, but not flat rate or decreasing block rates;

(B) adoption of ordinances, plumbing codes, and/or rules requiring water-conserving plumbing fixtures to be installed in new structures and existing structures undergoing substantial modification or addition;

(C) a program for the replacement or retrofit of water-conserving plumbing fixtures in existing structures;

(D) reuse and/or recycling of wastewater and/or graywater;

(E) a program for pressure control and/or reduction in the distribution system and/or for customer connections;

(F) a program and/or ordinance(s) for landscape water management;

(G) a method for monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the water conservation plan; and

(H) any other water conservation practice, method, or technique which the water supplier shows to be appropriate for achieving the stated goal or goals of the water conservation plan.

(b) A water conservation plan prepared in accordance with 31 TAC §363.15 (relating to Required Water Conservation Plan) of the Texas Water Development Board and substantially meeting the requirements of this section and other applicable commission rules may be submitted to meet application requirements in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the commission and the Texas Water Development Board.

(c) A public water supplier for municipal use shall review and update its water conservation plan, as appropriate, based on an assessment of previous five-year and ten-year targets and any other new or updated information. The public water supplier for municipal use shall review and update the next revision of its water conservation plan every five years to coincide with the regional water planning group.

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<u>SUBCHAPTER A</u>	WATER CONSERVATION PLANS
RULE §288.5	Water Conservation Plans for Wholesale Water Suppliers

A water conservation plan for a wholesale water supplier must provide information in response to each of the following paragraphs. If the plan does not provide information for each requirement, the wholesale water supplier shall include in the plan an explanation of why the requirement is not applicable.

(1) Minimum requirements. All water conservation plans for wholesale water suppliers must include the following elements:

(A) a description of the wholesaler's service area, including population and customer data, water use data, water supply system data, and wastewater data;

(B) specific, quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings including, where appropriate, target goals for municipal use in gallons per capita per day for the wholesaler's service area, maximum acceptable water loss, and the basis for the development of these goals. The goals established by wholesale water suppliers under this subparagraph are not enforceable;

(C) a description as to which practice(s) and/or device(s) will be utilized to measure and account for the amount of water diverted from the source(s) of supply;

(D) a monitoring and record management program for determining water deliveries, sales, and losses;

(E) a program of metering and leak detection and repair for the wholesaler's water storage, delivery, and distribution system;

(F) a requirement in every water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of the water conservation plan, and including any contract extension, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement a water conservation plan or water conservation measures using the applicable elements of this chapter. If the customer intends to resell the water, then the contract between the initial supplier and customer must provide

that the contract for the resale of the water must have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures in accordance with applicable provisions of this chapter;

(G) a reservoir systems operations plan, if applicable, providing for the coordinated operation of reservoirs owned by the applicant within a common watershed or river basin. The reservoir systems operations plans shall include optimization of water supplies as one of the significant goals of the plan;

(H) a means for implementation and enforcement, which shall be evidenced by a copy of the ordinance, rule, resolution, or tariff, indicating official adoption of the water conservation plan by the water supplier; and a description of the authority by which the water supplier will implement and enforce the conservation plan; and

(I) documentation of coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the wholesale water supplier in order to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(2) Additional conservation strategies. Any combination of the following strategies shall be selected by the water wholesaler, in addition to the minimum requirements of paragraph (1) of this section, if they are necessary in order to achieve the stated water conservation goals of the plan. The commission may require by commission order that any of the following strategies be implemented by the water supplier if the commission determines that the strategies are necessary in order for the conservation plan to be achieved:

(A) conservation-oriented water rates and water rate structures such as uniform or increasing block rate schedules, and/or seasonal rates, but not flat rate or decreasing block rates;

(B) a program to assist agricultural customers in the development of conservation pollution prevention and abatement plans;

(C) a program for reuse and/or recycling of wastewater and/or graywater; and

(D) any other water conservation practice, method, or technique which the wholesaler shows to be appropriate for achieving the stated goal or goals of the water conservation plan.

(3) Review and update requirements. The wholesale water supplier shall review and update its water conservation plan, as appropriate, based on an assessment of previous five-year and ten-year targets and any other new or updated information. A wholesale water supplier shall review and update the next revision of its water conservation plan every five years to coincide with the regional water planning group.

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APPENDIX B

TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TITLE 30 CHAPTER 288

TCEQ rules governing development of water conservation plans are contained in Title 30, Chapter 288, Subchapter A of the Texas Administrative Code, which is included in this Appendix for reference.

The water conservation plan elements required by TCEQ water conservation rules that are covered in this drought contingency plan are listed below.

Minimum Drought Contingency Plan Requirements for Public Water Suppliers

- **288.20(a)(1)(A)** – Provisions to Inform Public and Provide Opportunity for Public Input - Section 2
 - **288.20(a)(1)(B)** – Program for Continuing Public Education and Information – Section 2
 - **288.20(a)(1)(C)** –Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups – Section 2
 - **288.20(a)(1)(D)** – Description of Information to Be Monitored and Criteria for the Initiation and Termination of Water Resource Management Stages – Sections 2
 - **288.20(a)(1)(E)** – Stages for Implementation of Measures in Response to Situations – Section 3
 - **288.20(a)(1)(F)** – Specific, Quantified Targets for Water Use Reductions During Water Shortages – Section 3
 - **288.20(a)(1)(G)** – Specific Water Supply or Water Demand Measures to Be Implemented at Each Stage of the Plan – Section 3
 - **288.20(a)(1)(H)** – Procedures for Initiation and Termination of Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Stages – Section 2
 - **288.20(a)(1)(I)** – Description of Procedures to Be Followed for Granting Variances to the Plan – Section 2
 - **288.20(a)(1)(J)** – Procedures for Enforcement of Mandatory Water Use Restrictions – Section 2
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- **288.20(b)** – TCEQ Notification of Implementation of Mandatory Provisions – Sections 2 and 3
- **288.20(c)** – Review of Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan Every Five (5) Years – Section 2

Minimum Drought Contingency Plan Requirements for Wholesale Water Suppliers

- **288.22(a)(1)** – Provisions to Inform the Public and Provide Opportunity for Public Input – Section 2
 - **288.22(a)(2)** – Coordination with the Regional Water Planning Groups – Section 2
 - **288.22(a)(3)** – Criteria for Initiation and Termination of Drought Stages – Section 3
 - **288.22(a)(4)** – Drought and Emergency Response Stages – Section 3
 - **288.22(a)(5)** – Procedures for Initiation and Termination of Drought Stages – Section 2
 - **288.22(a)(6)** – Specific, Quantified Targets for Water Use Reductions During Water Shortages – Section 3
 - **288.22(a)(7)** – Specific Water Supply or Water Demand Management Measures to be Implemented during Each Drought Stage – Section 3
 - **288.22(a)(8)** – Provision in Wholesale Contracts to Require Water Distribution According to Texas Water Code Section §11.039 – Sections 2 and 3
 - **288.22(a)(9)** – Procedures for Granting Variances to the Plan - Section 2
 - **288.22(a)(10)** - Procedures for Enforcement of Mandatory Restrictions – Section 2
 - **288.22(b)** – TCEQ Notification of Implementation of Mandatory Measures – Sections 2 and 3
 - **288.22(c)** – Review and Update of the Plan – Section 2
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<u>SUBCHAPTER B</u>	DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS
RULE §288.20	Drought Contingency Plans for Municipal Uses by Public Water Suppliers

(a) A drought contingency plan for a retail public water supplier, where applicable, must include the following minimum elements.

(1) Minimum requirements. Drought contingency plans must include the following minimum elements.

(A) Preparation of the plan shall include provisions to actively inform the public and affirmatively provide opportunity for public input. Such acts may include, but are not limited to, having a public meeting at a time and location convenient to the public and providing written notice to the public concerning the proposed plan and meeting.

(B) Provisions shall be made for a program of continuing public education and information regarding the drought contingency plan.

(C) The drought contingency plan must document coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the retail public water supplier to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(D) The drought contingency plan must include a description of the information to be monitored by the water supplier, and specific criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages, accompanied by an explanation of the rationale or basis for such triggering criteria.

(E) The drought contingency plan must include drought or emergency response stages providing for the implementation of measures in response to at least the following situations:

- (i) reduction in available water supply up to a repeat of the drought of record;
 - (ii) water production or distribution system limitations;
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(iii) supply source contamination; or

(iv) system outage due to the failure or damage of major water system components (e.g., pumps).

(F) The drought contingency plan must include specific, quantified targets for water use reductions to be achieved during periods of water shortage and drought. The entity preparing the plan shall establish the targets. The goals established by the entity under this subparagraph are not enforceable.

(G) The drought contingency plan must include the specific water supply or water demand management measures to be implemented during each stage of the plan including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) curtailment of non-essential water uses; and

(ii) utilization of alternative water sources and/or alternative delivery mechanisms with the prior approval of the executive director as appropriate (e.g., interconnection with another water system, temporary use of a non-municipal water supply, use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes, etc.).

(H) The drought contingency plan must include the procedures to be followed for the initiation or termination of each drought response stage, including procedures for notification of the public.

(I) The drought contingency plan must include procedures for granting variances to the plan.

(J) The drought contingency plan must include procedures for the enforcement of mandatory water use restrictions, including specification of penalties (e.g., fines, water rate surcharges, discontinuation of service) for violations of such restrictions.

(2) Privately-owned water utilities. Privately-owned water utilities shall prepare a drought contingency plan in accordance with this section and incorporate such plan into their tariff.

(3) Wholesale water customers. Any water supplier that receives all or a portion of its water supply from another water supplier shall consult with that supplier and shall include in the drought contingency plan appropriate provisions for responding to reductions in that water supply.

(b) A wholesale or retail water supplier shall notify the executive director within five business days of the implementation of any mandatory provisions of the drought contingency plan.

(c) The retail public water supplier shall review and update, as appropriate, the drought contingency plan, at least every five years, based on new or updated information, such as the adoption or revision of the regional water plan.

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<u>SUBCHAPTER B</u>	DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS
RULE §288.22	Drought Contingency Plans for Wholesale Water Suppliers

(a) A drought contingency plan for a wholesale water supplier must include the following minimum elements.

(1) Preparation of the plan shall include provisions to actively inform the public and to affirmatively provide opportunity for user input in the preparation of the plan and for informing wholesale customers about the plan. Such acts may include, but are not limited to, having a public meeting at a time and location convenient to the public and providing written notice to the public concerning the proposed plan and meeting.

(2) The drought contingency plan must document coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the wholesale public water supplier to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(3) The drought contingency plan must include a description of the information to be monitored by the water supplier and specific criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages, accompanied by an explanation of the rationale or basis for such triggering criteria.

(4) The drought contingency plan must include a minimum of three drought or emergency response stages providing for the implementation of measures in response to water supply conditions during a repeat of the drought-of-record.

(5) The drought contingency plan must include the procedures to be followed for the initiation or termination of drought response stages, including procedures for notification of wholesale customers regarding the initiation or termination of drought response stages.

(6) The drought contingency plan must include specific, quantified targets for water use reductions to be achieved during periods of water shortage and drought. The entity preparing the plan shall establish the targets. The goals established by the entity under this paragraph are not enforceable.

(7) The drought contingency plan must include the specific water supply or water demand management measures to be implemented during each stage of the plan including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) pro rata curtailment of water deliveries to or diversions by wholesale water customers as provided in Texas Water Code, §11.039; and

(B) utilization of alternative water sources with the prior approval of the executive director as appropriate (e.g., interconnection with another water system, temporary use of a non-municipal water supply, use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes, etc.).

(8) The drought contingency plan must include a provision in every wholesale water contract entered into or renewed after adoption of the plan, including contract extensions, that in case of a shortage of water resulting from drought, the water to be distributed shall be divided in accordance with Texas Water Code, §11.039.

(9) The drought contingency plan must include procedures for granting variances to the plan.

(10) The drought contingency plan must include procedures for the enforcement of any mandatory water use restrictions including specification of penalties (e.g., liquidated damages, water rate surcharges, discontinuation of service) for violations of such restrictions.

(b) The wholesale public water supplier shall notify the executive director within five business days of the implementation of any mandatory provisions of the drought contingency plan.

(c) The wholesale public water supplier shall review and update, as appropriate, the drought contingency plan, at least every five years, based on new or updated information, such as adoption or revision of the regional water plan.

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Appendix C

TCEQ Water Utility Profile

The following appendix contains the form TCEQ-20162.

Appendix D

NTMWD Member City and Customer Annual Water Conservation Report

The following appendix contains a blank copy of the NTMWD Member City and Customer Annual Water Conservation Report. This is updated and reviewed by NTMWD on an annual basis.

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NTMWD MEMBER CITY AND CUSTOMER WATER CONSERVATION REPORT
Due: March 31 of every year

Contact Information

TWDB Survey Number:	000670
Name of System:	Ables Springs SUD
PWS ID:	TX1290010
Contact Name:	Tammy Waymire
Title:	Customer Service
Email Address:	twaymire@myh2odistrict.com
Telephone Number:	9725639704
Year Covered:	2021
Days in Year	365

Water System Information

Estimated Water Service Area Population:	4,842
# of Backflow Preventers:	12

Source: United States Census

Peak Day Usage

Peak Day (MG)	0.68
Average Day (MG)	0.27
Peak/Average Day Ratio	2.51

Authorized Consumption and Water Loss

Total System Input Volume:	91
Billed Metered:	79
Billed Unmetered (MG):	
Unbilled Metered (MG):	0
Unbilled Unmetered (MG):	0
Total Authorized Consumption:	79
Water Loss (MG):	11
Water Loss (gpcd):	6
Water Loss (percent):	13%

Description:

Fire Department

Description:

Flushed, Construction, Fire Department

Per Capita Use (Gallons per person per day)

Total Use (MG)	91
Residential Use (MG)	75
Municipal Use (MG)	90
ICI Use (MG)	4
Total Per Capita Use (gpcd)	51
Residential Per Capita Use (gpcd)	42
Municipal Per Capita Use (gpcd)	51
ICI Per Capita Use (gpcd)	2

Water Conservation Plan 5- and 10-Year Goals for Water Savings

	5-Year Goal	10-Year Goal
Total GPCD	65	65
Residential GPCD		
Water Loss (GPCD)		
Water Loss (Percentage)	10%	10%

Total GPCD = (Total Gallons in System + Permanent Population) / 365

Residential GPCD = (Gallons Used for Residential Use / Residential Population) / 365

Water Loss GPCD = (Total Water Loss / Permanent Population) / 365

Water Loss Percentage = (Total Water Loss / Total Gallons in System) x 100; or (Water Loss GPCD / Total GPCD) x 100

Retail Water Metered by Month (in Million Gallons):

Month	Sales by Category								
	Residential Single Family	Residential Multi-Family	Public/ Institutional	Commercial	Industrial	Agriculture	Metered Irrigation	Wholesale	Reuse
January	4.72	-	0.01	0.17	0.06	0.01	-	0.82	-
February	6.56	-	0.03	0.54	-	0.04	-	0.99	-
March	5.36	-	0.06	0.29	-	0.01	-	0.79	-
April	5.35	-	0.01	0.22	-	0.02	-	0.63	-
May	5.59	-	0.02	0.25	-	0.01	-	0.41	-
June	6.99	-	0.01	0.33	-	0.02	-	0.65	-
July	6.81	-	0.01	0.24	-	0.03	-	0.54	-
August	7.16	-	0.01	0.53	-	0.02	-	0.72	-
September	8.64	-	0.02	0.53	0.04	0.04	-	0.88	-
October	6.51	-	0.00	0.30	-	0.05	-	0.66	-
November	5.99	-	0.02	0.21	-	0.01	-	0.74	-
December	5.16	-	0.01	0.19	0.00	0.02	-	0.63	-
TOTAL	74.84	-	0.21	3.80	0.11	0.29	-	8.44	-
# of Connections (or Units)	1,614.00	-	6.00	12.00	3.00	6.00	-	-	-

Recorded Supplies from Sources by Month (in Million Gallons):

Month	Deliveries from NTMWD	Other Sources						Total Supplies
January	6.15						6.15	
February	8.99						8.99	
March	6.81						6.81	
April	7.81						7.81	
May	6.80						6.80	
June	8.92						8.92	
July	9.30						9.30	
August	9.96						9.96	
September	10.16						10.16	
October	8.53						8.53	
November	8.18						8.18	
December	7.70						7.70	
TOTAL	99.30	-	-	-	-	-	99.30	

Wholesale Water Sales to Other Water Systems (in Million Gallons):

	Sale 1	Sale 2	Sale 3	Sale 4	Sale 5	Sale 6	Sale 7	Sale 8	Total Wholesale Sales
<i>Buyer Name</i>	<i>Barrow Subdivision</i>								
<i>Type of Water</i>	<i>Surface Water</i>								
<i>Name of Source</i>									
Recorded Water Service Area Population	360.00								
January	0.82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.82
February	0.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.99
March	0.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.79
April	0.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.63
May	0.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.41
June	0.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.65
July	0.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.54
August	0.72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.72
September	0.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.88
October	0.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.66
November	0.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.74
December	0.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.63
TOTAL	8.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.44

Water Sales to Industrial Production Facilities (in Million Gallons):

	Sale 1	Sale 2	Sale 3	Sale 4	Sale 5	Sale 6	Sale 7	Sale 8	Total Industrial Production Facilities Sales
<i>Buyer Name</i>									
<i>Type of Water</i>									
<i>Name of Source</i>									
January									-
February									-
March									-
April									-
May									-
June									-
July									-
August									-
September									-
October									-
November									-
December									-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Information

Describe Any ICI (Industrial, Commercial & Institutional) Practices being Implemented to Improve Water Efficiency

We continue to monitor these areas daily.

Describe any Unusual Circumstances

Snow Storm February 2021. We had a few days where we had very high usage.

Provide an Update on Progress in Implementation of Conservation Plan

We are still in the processes of changing out our meters with the new meters we started installing last year. The new system allows us to monitor the usage of our customers on the daily.

Appendix F

Letters to Regional Water Planning Group and NTMWD



June 20, 2024

Region D Water Planning Group
c/o Riverbend Water Resources District
228 Texas Avenue Suite A
New Boston, TX 75570

Dear Chair:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Water Conservation and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan for Ables Springs S.U.D. I am submitting a copy of this plan to the Region C Water Planning Group in accordance with the Texas Water Development Board and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules. The plans were adopted on May 15, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula D Weber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paula D Weber

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June 20, 2024

Region C Water Planning Group
c/o Trinity River Authority
P.O. Box 60
Arlington, TX 76004

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Appendix G

Adoption of Plan

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ABLES SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF HUNT, KAUFMAN AND VAN ZANDT COUNTIES, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE 2024 NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT MODEL WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SURCHARGES, INSTALLING FLOW RESTRICTORS AT CUSTOMER EXPENSE, AND/OR DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICE FOR NONCOMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN TO BE FILED WITH APPROPRIATE REGIONAL AND STATE AGENCIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Ables Springs Special Utility District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas created under the authority of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and operating pursuant to Chapters 49 and 65 of the Texas Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the District's sole water supply is the North Texas Municipal Water District (sometimes referred to as "NTMWD") and the District recognizes that the amount of water available to its customers is limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Code and regulations promulgated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") require the District to adopt water conservation and water resource and emergency management plan; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 65 of the Texas Water Code authorizes the District to adopt such policies necessary to accomplish the purposes for which it was created, including the preservation and conservation of water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District finds there is an urgent need in the best interest of the public to update and replace the District's current 2019 Water Conservation and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the 2024 North Texas Municipal Water District Model Water Conservation and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan (the "Plan").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ABLES SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Findings Incorporated. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Plan Adoption. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the attached 2024 North Texas Municipal Water District Model Water Conservation and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan as official District policy. The District commits to implement the requirements and procedures set forth in the Plan.

SECTION 3. Penalties for Noncompliance. Any customer, as defined under Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 291, failing to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to surcharges, installing flow restrictors at customer expense, and/or discontinuance of water service by the District in accordance with Section E.12 of the District Service Policy. Proof of a culpable mental state is not required for a conviction of an offense under this section. Each day a customer fails to comply with this Ordinance is a separate violation. The District's authority to seek injunctive or other civil relief available under the law is not limited by this section.

SECTION 4. Plan Implementation. The General Manager of the District is authorized to implement the applicable provisions of the Plan at the direction of NTMWD or upon determining that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety or welfare of District customers.

SECTION 5. Required Plan Submissions. The General Manager of the District or her designee is hereby directed to submit a copy of this Ordinance and Plan to all state and regional authorities with jurisdiction including NTMWD, the Region C Water Planning Group, the Texas Water Development Board, and the TCEQ as required by Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 288.

SECTION 6. Open Meetings Compliance. The Board of Directors does hereby find and declare that sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting adopting this Ordinance was posted at a designated place convenient to the public for the time required by law preceding the meeting, that such place of posting was readily accessible at all times to the general public, and that all of the foregoing was done as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The Board of Directors further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the posting thereof.

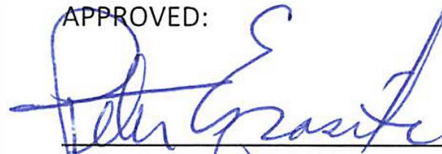
SECTION 7. Savings Clause. Should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED by on the 15th day of May, 2024, by the Board of Directors of Ables Springs Special Utility District.



APPROVED:



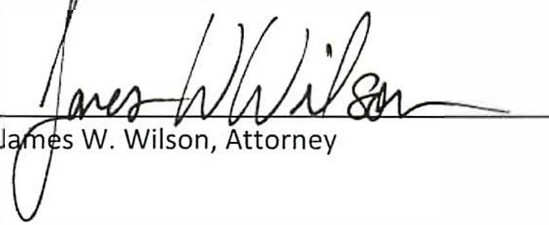
Peter Esposito, President

ATTEST:



Allen Jansen, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



James W. Wilson, Attorney

Appendix H

Illegal Water Connections and Theft of Water

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ABLES SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF HUNT, KAUFMAN AND VAN ZANDT COUNTIES, TEXAS, ADOPTING POLICIES PERTAINING TO ILLEGAL WATER CONNECTIONS AND/OR WATER THEFT RELATED TO THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE ABLES SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Ables Springs Special Utility District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas created under the authority of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and operating pursuant to Chapters 49 and 65 of the Texas Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that the amount of water available to its water customers is limited; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 65 of the Texas Water Code authorizes the District to adopt policies necessary to preserve and conserve available water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District finds it is in the best interests of the District and its customers to adopt this Ordinance pertaining to illegal water connections and theft of water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ABLES SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Findings Incorporated. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Water Theft. A person commits an offense of water theft by any of the following actions:

- (a) A person may not knowingly tamper, connect to, or alter any component of the District's water system including valves, meters, meter boxes, lids, hydrants, lines, pump stations, ground storage tanks, and elevated storage tanks. This shall include direct or indirect efforts to initiate or restore water service without the approval of the District.
- (b) Without the written consent of the District, a person knowingly causes, suffers, allows or attempts to initiate or restore water service to a lot or tract of land following disconnection of service. For purposes of this section, it shall be assumed that the owner, occupant, or person in control of the property caused, suffered, allowed or attempted to unlawfully initiate or restore service.

- (c) A person may not knowingly create or submit a false meter reading report to the District.

A person commits a separate offense each day that the person performs an act prohibited by this section or fails to perform an act required by this section.

SECTION 3. Penalties. An offense under this Ordinance is punishable in accordance with the District’s rules and policies regarding disconnection of service pursuant to Section E.12 of the District Service Policy and/or the District’s rules and policies on enforcement and civil penalties set forth in the District Service Policy.

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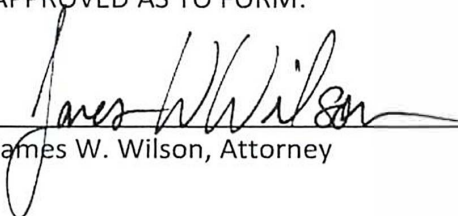
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