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Section 1 Declaration of Policy, Purpose, and Intent

In order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of water supply facilities, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection, and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety and minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortage or other water supply emergency conditions, the Goforth Special Utility District (SUD) hereby adopts the following revised version of its Drought Contingency Plan (the Plan) on the delivery and consumption of water.

In cases of extreme drought, periods of abnormally high usage, system contamination, or extended reduction in ability to supply water due to equipment failure, temporary restrictions may be instituted by Goforth SUD to limit nonessential water use. The purpose of this Plan is to encourage customer conservation in order to maintain supply, storage, and pressure or to comply with the requirements of a court, government agency or other authority.

Water uses regulated or prohibited under this Plan are considered to be non-essential and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply condition are deemed to constitute a waste of water which subjects the offender(s) to penalties as defined in Section 9 of this Plan.

Section 2 Public Involvement

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation of the Plan was provided by scheduling and providing public notice of a public meeting to accept input on the Plan. The meeting took place at 7:00 PM on July 26, 2023 at the Goforth SUD office.

Section 3 Public Education

Goforth SUD will periodically provide the public with information about the Plan, including information about the conditions under which each stage of the Plan is to be initiated or terminated and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage. Drought plan information will be provided by means of press releases and bill inserts.

Section 4 Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups

The service area of Goforth SUD is located within the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K) and the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L). Goforth SUD has mailed a copy of this Plan to both water planning groups, with copies found in Appendix B.

Section 5 Authorization

The General Manager, or designee, of Goforth SUD is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of this Plan upon determination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The General Manager, or designee, shall have the authority to initiate or terminate drought or other water supply emergency response measures as described in this Plan.

Section 6 Application

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

Section 7 Definitions

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

Aesthetic water use: Water use for ornamental or decorative purposes such as fountains, reflecting pools, and water gardens.

Commercial and institutional water use: Water use that is integral to the operations of commercial and non-profit establishments, governmental entities, retail establishments, hotels and motels, restaurants, and office buildings.

Conservation: Those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss or waste of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water, or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a supply is conserved and made available for future or alternative uses.

Customer: Any person, company, or organization using water supplied by Goforth SUD.

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

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

Industrial water use: The use of water in processes designed to convert materials of lower value into forms having greater usability and value.

Landscape irrigation use: Water used for the irrigation and maintenance of landscaped areas,

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

Non-essential water use: Water uses that are not essential or required for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including:

- a. Irrigation of landscaped areas, including parks, athletic fields, and golf courses, except as otherwise provided under this Plan;
- b. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motor bike, boat, trailer, airplane, or other vehicle;
- c. Use of water to wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
- d. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
- e. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
- f. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pool or Jacuzzi-type pool;
- g. Use of water in a fountain or pond for aesthetic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life;
- h. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice;
- i. Use of water from hydrants for construction purposes or any other purposes other than fire fighting or flushing.

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

Section 8 Notice Requirements

Written notice will be provided to each customer prior to implementation or termination of each stage of the water restriction program. Mailed notice must be given to each customer 72 hours prior to the start of water restrictions. If notice is hand delivered, Goforth SUD cannot enforce the provisions of the plan for 24 hours after notice is provided. The written notice to customers will contain the following information:

- a. The date restrictions will begin;
- b. The circumstances that triggered the restrictions;
- c. The stages of response and explanation of the restrictions to be implemented; and
- d. An explanation of the consequences for violations.

Goforth SUD must notify the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) utilizing their online reporting form prior to implementing Stage II and must notify in writing the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD) and the Public Drinking Water Section at MC-155, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within five (5) working days of implementation including a copy of the restriction notice. Goforth SUD must file a status report of its restriction program with the TCEQ at the initiation and termination of

mandatory water use restrictions.

Section 9 Violations and Enforcement

It shall be a violation of this Plan for any person to intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence disregard provisions, specifications or requirements of this Plan. If Goforth SUD has reason to believe that water is being used in a manner that is not in accordance with this Plan, Goforth SUD's staff will be directed to retrieve time-stamped usage history from the meter in question. If the retrieved data indicate significant water usage outside of the allowed schedule, the responsible party will be considered in violation of Goforth SUD's rules and the General Manager is authorized to initiate the enforcement process as described herein.

1. Upon receipt of sufficient evidence of a violation of this Plan, the General Manager shall issue to the account holder a written notice of violation detailing the purposes of watering restrictions, information about the watering schedule, and the schedule of penalties which will be issued for continued violations.
2. After the issuance of the written notice, Goforth SUD's staff will be directed to retrieve additional usage data and/or time-stamped photographic or video evidence to verify compliance with the terms of the notice of violation. If water usage patterns indicate continued non-compliance, a second violation will be issued and a \$250 civil penalty will be applied to the next water bill.
3. Beginning the day after the second violation, water usage will be monitored as deemed necessary by Goforth SUD. Upon receipt of evidence of a third violation in a calendar year, the General Manager shall apply a \$500 civil penalty to the next bill and install a flow restrictor at the account holder's expense. The flow restrictor shall provide sufficient flow for basic drinking and hygiene purposes and shall be removed after 7 days. If a flow-restricting device is installed, Goforth SUD shall charge the customer for the actual cost of installing and removing the flow restricting device.
4. Beginning the day after the flow restrictor is removed, water usage will be monitored as deemed necessary by Goforth SUD. Upon receipt of evidence of a fourth violation in a calendar year, or any subsequent violation, the General Manager shall apply a \$2,000 civil penalty to the next bill and install a flow restrictor for 7 days for each violation.
5. For meter sizes larger than 5/8"x3/4" the civil penalty at each violation shall be modified according to the volume of water that can pass through the meter. 1" meters shall be assessed 2 times the base penalty, 1.5" meters shall be assessed five times the base penalty, and 2" meters shall be assessed eight times the base penalty.

Any customer assessed a penalty under this Plan, who believes the penalty has been wrongly or erroneously assessed, shall have the opportunity to present evidence and arguments as to the validity of the assessed penalty, and if the matter is not resolved following a meeting with the General Manager, the customer shall have the right to appear and present such evidence and

arguments to the Board of Directors.

Any complaints concerning violations of this Plan should be addressed by contacting Goforth SUD's office. The complaint shall contain the name and address of the alleged violator, if known, as well as the details of the alleged violation, and shall be submitted to Goforth SUD's staff.

Section 10 Exemptions or Variances

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

Persons requesting an exemption from the provisions of this Plan shall file a petition for variance with Goforth SUD within five (5) days after the Plan or a particular drought response stage has been invoked. All petitions for variances shall be reviewed by the General Manager, or designee, and shall include the following:

- a. Name and address of the petitioner(s);
- b. Purpose of water use;
- c. Specific provision(s) of the Plan from which the petitioner is requesting relief;
- d. Detailed statement as to how the specific provision of the Plan adversely affects the petitioner or what damage or harm will occur to the petitioner or others if petitioner complies with this Plan;
- e. Description of the relief requested;
- f. Period of time for which the variance is sought;
- g. Alternative water use restrictions or other measures the petitioner is taking or proposing to take to meet the intent of this Plan and the compliance date;
- h. Other pertinent information.

Section 11 Rates

All existing rate schedules shall remain in effect during the rationing period, and no charges may be levied against a member that are not contained in the approved District Rate Policy of Goforth SUD.

Section 12 Drought Response Stages

Goforth SUD obtains its water from several water sources/providers, including the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD), Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), and County Line Special Utility District (CLSUD). Each of these entities has their own Drought Contingency Plan with different reduction requests for each stage. In order to ensure compliance with each plan, Goforth SUD will enter the drought stage corresponding to the highest drought stage declared by any one of Goforth SUD's water providers. Table 1 below provides a list of the percent reductions called for by each water provider for each drought stage as well as the target percent reduction in water use proposed by Goforth SUD.

Table 1: Percent Reduction in Water Use

Stage	BSEACD	GBRA	CLSUD	GSUD
I	10%	5%	20%	5%
II	20%	10%	30%	15%
III	30%	15%	40%	25%
IV	40%	-	50%	30%
V	50%	-	60%	40%

The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District implements a Water Conservation Period between May 1 and September 30 every year. During this time BSEACD requests all permittees to voluntarily reduce groundwater use by 10%. In order to meet this requirement, Goforth SUD will work toward a 5% reduction in overall water use throughout the system.

The BSEACD has also developed target groundwater pumpage volumes for the Water Conservation Period and each mandatory drought stage that is specified by BSEACD. Note that BSEACD lists five (5) mandatory drought stages, Water Conservation Period, Alarm, Critical, Exceptional, and Emergency. These targets are based on the monthly baseline pumpage of Goforth SUD and are provided in Table 2.

Table 2: BSEACD Monthly Target Groundwater Pumpage in Gallons

Month	Percent of Annual Pumpage	Baseline (No Drought)	Stage I Water Cons. Period (10% Voluntary Reduction)	Stage II (Alarm) (20% Mandatory Reduction)	Stage III (Critical) (30% Mandatory Reduction)	Stage IV (Exceptional) (40% Mandatory Reduction)	Stage V (Emergency) (50% Mandatory Reduction)
January	13.4%	47,020,600	42,318,540	37,616,480	32,914,420	28,212,360	23,510,300
February	8.3%	29,124,700	26,212,230	23,299,760	20,387,290	17,474,820	14,562,350
March	5.0%	17,545,000	15,790,500	14,036,000	12,281,500	10,527,000	8,772,500
April	2.9%	10,176,100	9,158,490	8,140,880	7,123,270	6,105,660	5,088,050
May	2.9%	10,176,100	9,158,490	8,140,880	7,123,270	6,105,660	5,088,050
June	3.1%	10,877,900	9,790,110	8,702,320	7,614,530	6,526,740	5,438,950
July	6.6%	23,159,400	20,843,460	18,527,520	16,211,580	13,895,640	11,579,700
August	7.4%	25,966,600	23,369,940	20,773,280	18,176,620	15,579,960	12,983,300
September	8.0%	28,072,000	25,264,800	22,457,600	19,650,400	16,843,200	14,036,000
October	11.5%	40,353,500	36,318,150	32,282,800	28,247,450	24,212,100	20,176,750
November	15.5%	54,389,500	48,950,550	43,511,600	38,072,650	32,633,700	27,194,750
December	15.4%	54,038,600	48,634,740	43,230,880	37,827,020	32,423,160	27,019,300
Total	100%	350,900,000	315,810,000	280,720,000	245,630,000	210,540,000	175,450,000

During times of drought, Goforth SUD will monitor the drought status of its water suppliers to determine when a drought stage must be declared. Unless there is an immediate and extreme reduction in water production, or other absolute necessity to declare an emergency or severe condition, Goforth SUD will initially declare Stage I restrictions. However, if any of the Stage II triggers are reached before the Stage I trigger, Goforth SUD may proceed directly to Stage II restrictions. If, after a reasonable period of time, demand is not reduced enough to alleviate outages, reduce the risk of outages, or comply with restrictions required by a court, government agency, or other authority, Stage III may be implemented with Stage IV to follow if necessary. A description of each drought stage follows.

Stage I Triggers – MILD Water Shortage Conditions

Target:

Achieve a five percent (5%) reduction in total water use and a ten percent (10%) reduction in groundwater use.

Requirements for Initiation:

As specified by BSEACD, the Water Conservation Period begins on May 1 every year when not in a declared drought stage.

Requirements for Termination:

As specified by BSEACD, the Water Conservation Period ends on September 30 every year when not in a declared drought stage.

Utility Measures:

Goforth SUD will inform its customers about the Water Conservation Period by posting it on the website and through BSEACD inserts in the customers' water bills several times a year. These inserts will contain information on how the customers can save water through basic conservation measures.

Water Use Restrictions:

No mandatory water use restrictions will be initiated during the Water Conservation Period. Customers are asked to *voluntarily* conserve water by following these suggested reductions:

1. Reduce car washing to no more than one time every other week, or use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
2. Use a hand-held hose to water gardens, trees and flowers.
3. Check for and fix water leaks.
4. Draw less water for baths or reduce shower time.
5. Do not let water run while shaving, dish washing, brushing teeth, etc.
6. Keep pool covered.
7. Use a water displacement device in toilet tank.
8. Install aerators on faucets. Replacement or retrofits with low-flow fixtures is encouraged.

Stage II – MODERATE Water Shortage Conditions

Target:

Achieve a fifteen percent (15%) reduction in total water use.

Requirements for Initiation:

Stage II will be initiated when one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. Any of Goforth SUD's water providers initiates Stage II of their Drought Contingency Plan.
2. Water consumption has reached 80% of daily maximum supply for three (3) consecutive days.
3. Water supply is reduced to a level that is only 20% greater than the average consumption for the previous month.

Requirements for Termination:

Stage II will be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of seven (7) consecutive days.

Utility Measures:

Goforth SUD will take the following measures when Stage II is declared:

1. Upon initiation and termination of Stage II, Goforth SUD will mail a public announcement to its customers and post the announcement on its website.
2. Goforth SUD will inform TCEQ of its implementation and termination of Stage II.
3. Goforth SUD will monitor and report pumpage as required by its water providers.
4. Goforth SUD will visually inspect lines and repair leaks regularly.
5. Goforth SUD will complete a monthly review of customer use records and follow up on any customers that have unusually high usage.
6. Water main flushing will be reduced or discontinued.

Water Use Restrictions:

Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

1. Water customers are requested to *voluntarily* limit the irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems to twice a week before 10:00 AM and after 8:00 PM. Customers are requested to limit outdoor water use to Mondays and Thursdays for water customers with a street address ending in an even number and Tuesdays and Fridays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number. Irrigation by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet-filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system is allowed at any time.
2. Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
3. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on the aforementioned designated watering days before 10:00 AM or after 8:00 PM. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public are contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables. Car wash fundraisers are only permitted at commercial car wash facilities.
4. All non-public swimming pools must have a minimum of 25% of the surface area covered with evaporation screens when not in use.
5. Golf courses, athletic fields, and parks may not be irrigated between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM.
6. The following uses of water are defined as nonessential and are prohibited:
 - a. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
 - b. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 - c. Use of water for dust control;
 - d. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
 - e. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s); and
 - f. Any waste of water.

Stage III – SEVERE Water Shortage Conditions

Target:

Achieve a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in total water use.

Requirements for Initiation:

Stage III will be initiated when one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. Any of Goforth SUD's water providers initiates Stage III of their Drought Contingency Plan.
2. Water consumption has reached 90% of daily maximum supply for three (3) consecutive days.
3. The water level in any of the storage tanks cannot be replenished for three (3) consecutive days.

Requirements for Termination:

Stage III may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of seven (7) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage III, Stage II becomes operative.

Utility Measures:

Goforth SUD will take the following measures when Stage III is declared:

Upon initiation and termination of Stage III, Goforth SUD will mail a public announcement to its customers and post the announcement on its website.

1. Goforth SUD will inform TCEQ of its initiation and termination of Stage III.
2. Goforth SUD will continue to monitor and report pumpage to its water providers.
3. Continuing with Stage II measures, Goforth SUD will visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a regular basis.
4. Goforth SUD will also continue to monitor customers' water usage and follow up on any customers with high usage.
5. Flushing is prohibited except for dead-end mains.

Water Use Restrictions:

In *addition* to Stage II restrictions, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all customers:

1. Water customers are *required* to limit the irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems to twice a week before 10:00 AM and after 8:00 PM. Customers are *required* to limit outdoor water use to Mondays and Thursdays for water customers with a street address ending in an even number and Tuesdays and Fridays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number. Customers with irrigation meters are *required* to limit water use to Mondays and Thursdays for ¾" and 2" sized meters and Tuesday and Fridays for 1", 1 ½", and 3" sized meters. Irrigation by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet-filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system is still allowed at any time.

2. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on the aforementioned designated watering days before 10:00 AM or after 8:00 PM.
3. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or a Jacuzzi-type pool is only allowed on designated watering days before 10:00 AM and after 8:00 PM and only if at least 30% of the water is obtained from a source other than the Edwards Aquifer. In addition, all non-public swimming pools must have a minimum of 25% of the surface area covered with evaporation screens when not in use.
4. Use of water from hydrants or flush valves shall be limited to maintaining public health, safety, and welfare. Water for construction purposes will be by special permit only.
5. New irrigation meter requests shall be at the discretion of the General Manager, or designee. Specifically, requests for new irrigation meter installations and applications must submit a petition for variance with Goforth SUD in compliance with the requirements of Section 10 (Exemptions and Variances)."
6. Athletic fields must reduce water use by an additional 5% from Stage II. Conforming golf courses shall effect a 5% reduction of evapotranspiration rate. Non-conforming golf courses shall use no more than 2.0 times their basic usage. Reduced irrigation times also apply.

Stage IV – CRITICAL Water Shortage Conditions

Target:

Achieve a thirty percent (30%) reduction in total water use.

Requirements for Initiation:

Stage IV will be initiated when one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. Any of Goforth SUD's water providers initiates Stage IV of their Drought Contingency Plan.
2. Water consumption has reached 95% of daily maximum supply for three (3) consecutive days.
3. The water level in any of the storage tanks cannot be replenished for five (5) consecutive days.

Requirements for Termination:

Stage IV may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of seven (7) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage IV, Stage III becomes operative.

Utility Measures:

Goforth SUD will take the following measures when Stage IV is declared:

1. Upon initiation and termination of Stage IV, Goforth SUD will mail a public announcement to its customers and post the announcement on its website. The announcement shall include a notice that the water supply *may be* in peril, and that physical restriction of water use and reporting of excessive users to BSEACD *may be* required.
2. Goforth SUD will inform TCEQ of its initiation and termination of Stage IV.
3. Goforth SUD will continue to monitor and report pumpage to its water providers.
4. Continuing with Stage III measures, Goforth SUD will visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis.
5. Flushing is prohibited except for dead-end mains and only between 9:00 PM and 3:00 AM.
6. All meters will be read as often as necessary to ensure compliance with this program for the benefit of all customers.

Water Use Restrictions:

In *addition* to Stage III restrictions, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all customers:

1. Water customers are *required* to limit the irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems to *once* a week. Customers are *required* to limit outdoor water use to Monday for water customers with a street address ending in 0 or 1, Tuesday for water customers with a street address ending in 2 or 3, Wednesday for water customers with a street address ending in 4 or 5, Thursday for water customers with a street address ending in 6 or 7, and Friday for water customers with a street address ending in 8 or 9. Customers with irrigation meters are *required* to limit water use to Monday for ¾" meters, Tuesday for 2" meters, Wednesday for 1" meters, Thursday for 1 ½" meters and Friday for 3" meters. Irrigation by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet-filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system is allowed at any time.
2. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is permitted only on the assigned residential landscape watering days and times listed above.
3. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any private indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or a Jacuzzi-type pool is prohibited.
4. The use of water for construction purposes will be discontinued.
5. Athletic fields must reduce water use by an additional 5% from Stage III. Conforming golf courses shall effect a 10% reduction of evapotranspiration rate. Non-conforming golf courses shall use no more than 1.8 times their basic usage. Reduced irrigation times also apply.

Stage V – EMERGENCY Water Shortage Conditions

Target:

Achieve a forty percent (40%) reduction in total water use.

Requirements for Initiation:

Stage V will be initiated when one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. Any of Goforth SUD's water providers initiates Stage V of their Drought Contingency Plan.
2. Water consumption has reached 100% of daily maximum supply during a single 24-hour period.
3. Failure of a major component of the system or an event that reduces the minimum residual pressure in the system to below 20 psi for a period of 24 hours or longer.
4. Other unforeseen events that could cause imminent health or safety risks to the public.

Requirements for Termination:

Stage V may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of seven (7) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage V, Stage IV becomes operative.

Utility Measures:

Goforth SUD will take the following measures when Stage V is declared:

1. Upon initiation and termination of Stage V, Goforth SUD will mail a public announcement to its customers and post the announcement on its website. The announcement shall include a notice that the water supply *is* in peril, and that physical restriction of water use and reporting of excessive users to BSEACD *will be* required.
2. Goforth SUD will immediately inform TCEQ of its initiation and termination of Stage V.
3. Goforth SUD will continue to monitor and report pumpage to its water providers.
4. Continuing with Stage IV measures, Goforth SUD will visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis.
5. Flushing is prohibited except for dead-end mains and only between 9:00 PM and 3:00 AM.
6. All meters will be read as often as necessary to ensure compliance with this program for the benefit of all customers.

Water Use Restrictions:

In *addition* to Stage IV restrictions, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all customers:

1. Irrigation of landscaped areas, including athletic fields and golf courses, is absolutely prohibited.
2. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is absolutely prohibited.

3. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any public or private indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or a Jacuzzi-type pool is absolutely prohibited.
4. Goforth SUD may limit water usage to a gallonage determined by the water plant's mechanical capability to provide continuous service prorated over all members served by the water plant. Water restrictors may be installed for members that exceed the limited gallonage allowed (Section 9) as determined by the system's mechanical capability. The maximum number of gallons per meter per month shall be contained in the notice to each member.

Section 13 Severability

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

Appendix A

Resolution Adopting the Plan

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOFORTH SPECIAL
UTILITY DISTRICT ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE
DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the amount of water available to the Goforth Special Utility District, hereinafter called “the District,” and its water utility customers are limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that natural limitations due to drought conditions and other acts of God cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply for all purposes;

WHEREAS, Section 11.1272 of the Texas Water Code and applicable rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality require all public water supply systems in Texas to prepare a drought contingency plan; and

WHEREAS, as authorized under law, and in the best interests of the customers of the District, the Board deems it expedient and necessary to establish certain rules and policies for the orderly and efficient management of limited water supplies during drought and other water supply emergencies;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE GOFORTH SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. That the Drought Contingency Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A and made part hereof for all purposes be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the official policy of the District.

SECTION 2. That the general manager is hereby directed to implement, administer, and enforce the Drought Contingency Plan.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**DULY PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOFORTH
SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT, ON THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY 2023.**

President, Board of Directors

ATTESTED TO:

Secretary, Board of Directors

Appendix B

Letters to Region K and Region L Chairs

July 26, 2023

Ms. Barbara Johnson
Chair, Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group
P.O. Drawer P
Bastrop, TX 78602

RE: Goforth Special Utility District
Drought Contingency Plan

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This letter is to notify you that Goforth Special Utility District (GSUD) recently adopted a revision of its Drought Contingency Plan. As required, GSUD has submitted their updated Drought Contingency Plan to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This notice is in accordance with Texas Water Development Board and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules.

Please contact us if you would like to view the Plan.

Sincerely,

Mario Tobias, General Manager Goforth SUD

July 26, 2023

Mr. Tim Andruss
Chair, South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
100 East Guenther Street
San Antonio, TX 78283-9980

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