

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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ADOPTING A DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN.

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WHEREAS, as authorized under law, and in the best interests of the customers of the Blair WSC, 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 Blair WSC:

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 Blair WSC.

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 BLAIR WSC, ON THIS

10th day of May, 2023.

Alton Jarvis Neill
President, Board of Directors

ATTESTED TO:

Ann Payne
Secretary, Board of Directors

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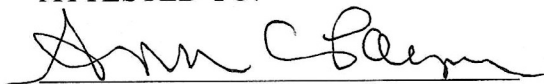
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FOR THE
Blair WSC
May 2019

Section I: Declaration of Policy, Purpose, and Intent

In order to conserve the available water supply and protect [he integrity of water supply faciiliics, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection, and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety and minimize the adversc impacts ofwater supply shortage or other water supply emergency conditions, the Blair WSC hereby adopts the following regulations and restrictions on the dclivry and consumption of water.

Water uses regulated or prohibited under this Drought Contingency Plan (the 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 subiccts the offender(s) to penalties as defined in Section XI of this Plan.

Section II: Public Involvement

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation of the Plan was provided by the Blair WSC by means of scheduling and providing public notice of a public meeting to accept input on the Plan.

Section III: Public Education

TheBlair WSC will periodically provide the public with information about the Plan, including information about the conditions under which each stage of (he Plan is Lo be initiated or terminated and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage. This information will be provided by means of public events, press releases or utility bill inserts.

Section IV: Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups

The service arca of the Blair WSC is located within the Regional Water Planning Group "G" area and the Blair WSC has provided a copy of this Plan to the Regional Water Planning Group "G".

Section V: Authorization

The Manager, with the consent of the Board, or his/her designcc is hercby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of this Plan upon deterrnination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The Manager, with the consent of the Board, or his/her designcc, shall have the authority Lo initiate or terminate drought or other water supply emergency response measurcs as described in this Plan.

Section VI: Application

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

These water use restrictions do not apply to the use of alternate water sources, including non-potable water and well water. Customers using water from private wells on days other than those designated in this Plan, or those watering from private wells during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., must post a sign stating "WELL WATER". The sign must be properly sized and posted so it is visible from the street. The Blair WSC strongly encourages the use of alternative water sources for landscape purposes.

Section VII: Definitions

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

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

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

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

Customer: any person, company, or organization using water supplied by the Blair WSC.

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

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

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

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

Non-essential water use: water uses that are not essential nor required for the protection of public, health, safety, and welfare, including:

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

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

Section VIII: Criteria for Initiation and Termination of Drought Response Stages

The Manager or his/her designee shall monitor water supply and/or demand conditions on a monthly basis and shall determine when conditions warrant initiation or termination of each stage of the Plan, that is, when the specified “triggers” are reached.

The triggering criteria described below are based on implementation criteria described in the City of Abilene Drought Contingency Plan, which the Blair WSC is required to abide by based on the Corporation’s contractual agreement to purchase treated water from the City of Abilene.

Stage 1 Triggers - WATER ALERT

Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be requested to voluntarily conserve water and adhere to the prescribed restrictions on certain water uses, defined in Section VII – Definitions, when continually falling water storage facility levels which do not refill above fifty (50) percent overnight; or depletion of the Ft. Phantom Reservoir to the elevation 1625.9 (ten (10) feet below spillway) if Hubbard Creek Reservoir is at sixty (60) percent capacity or less or 1624.9 (eleven (11) feet below spillway) of capacity, or any unforeseen conditions that may occur that cause the City Manager to recommend implementation to the Mayor.

Requirements for termination

Stage 1 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 30 consecutive days.

Stage 2 Triggers – WATER WARNING

Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses provided in Section IX of this Plan when continually falling water storage facility levels which do not refill above fifty (50) percent overnight; or depletion of the Ft. Phantom Reservoir to the elevation 1618.9 (seventeen (17) feet below spillway); or, major line breaks, or pump system failure which causes unprecedented loss of capability to provide service, or any unforeseen conditions that may occur that cause the City Manager to recommend implementation to the Mayor.

Requirements for termination

Stage 2 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 30 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 2, Stage 1 becomes operative.

Stage 3 Triggers – WATER EMERGENCY

Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses for Stage 3 of this Plan when depletion of the Ft. Phantom Reservoir to the elevation 1614.9 (twenty-one (21) feet below spillway); or, major line breaks, or pump system failure which causes unprecedented loss of capability to provide service, or any unforeseen conditions that may occur that cause the City Manager to recommend implementation to the Mayor.

Requirements for termination

Stage 3 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 30 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 3, Stage 2 becomes operative.

Stage 4 Triggers – WATER CRISIS

Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses for Stage 4 of this Plan when loss of capability to provide water service or contamination of supply source, or any unforeseen/unexpected conditions that may occur that cause the City Manager to recommend implementation to the Mayor.

Requirements for termination

Stage 4 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 30 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 4, Stage 3 becomes operative.

Section IX: Drought Response Stages

The Manager, with the consent of the Board, or his/her designee, shall monitor water supply and/or demand conditions on a daily basis and, in accordance with the triggering criteria set forth in Section VIII of this Plan, shall determine that an ALERT, WARNING, EMERGENCY, OR CRISIS condition exists and shall implement the following notification procedures:

Notification

Notification of the Public:

The Manager or his/ her designee shall notify the public by means of:

1. *Publication in a newspaper of general circulation, and/or*
2. *Public service announcements, and/or*
3. *Signs posted in public places*

Additional Notification:

The Manager or his/ her designee shall notify directly, or cause to be notified directly, the following individuals and entities:

Fire Chief(s)
City and/or County Emergency Management Coordinator(s)
State Disaster District / Department of Public Safety
TCEQ (required when mandatory restrictions are imposed)
Major water users

Stage 1 Response - WATER ALERT

Goal: *Achieve a voluntary 10 percent reduction in daily water demand.*

Supply Management Measures:

The following measures are to be implemented directly by the Blair WSC to manage limited water supplies and/or reduce water demand: reduce flushing of water mains and reduce irrigation of public landscaped areas.

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

1. Landscape Irrigation

- a. Irrigation by all commercial, industrial, (including agricultural irrigation), and residential customers utilizing individual sprinklers, or sprinkler systems, of lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs or other plants is prohibited except on a designated day which shall be once every seven (7) days and then only during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

Provided, however, irrigation of gardens, flowerbeds, trees and shrubs is permitted at any time of day if:

- i. A garden hose is used and is held in the hand during the duration of the irrigation event, or

- ii. A faucet-filled container of five (5) gallons or less is used, or
- iii. A drip irrigation system such as soaker hose, deep root water system, or bubbler is used. For the purpose of this section a drip irrigation system is defined as an irrigation device or system designed to emit water at low volumes and low pressures directly onto soil surface or below soil surface without airborne streams or droplets.

Irrigation of LAWNS is permitted at any time on any day if:

- i. A garden hose is used and is held in the hand during the duration of the irrigation event, or
- ii. A faucet-filled container of five (5) gallons or less is used.

A drip irrigation system SHALL NOT be used to irrigate LAWNS except on designated days and at designated times.

- b. New lawns that have been seeded (not to include re-seeding or overseeding existing turf), sodded or mulched may be watered daily for eight (8) minutes once during each of the following periods: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and at regular intervals between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. for a maximum of three (3) weeks. To qualify under this section, new lawns are those installed in conjunction with the construction of a new residence and for a period of six (6) months thereafter. Re-tilling or any replanting or reseeding of existing lawns shall NOT qualify for new lawn status in this section.

2. Vehicle Washing

- a. It is permissible to wash automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, and other types of mobile equipment at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station or at any location including a resident by using a five (5) gallon container and/or a hand held hose equipped with a quick shut-off nozzle for quick rinses.
- b. If the health, safety and welfare of the public depends upon frequent vehicle cleaning, as determined by the Manager or his/her designee, then washing of vehicles such as emergency vehicles, aircraft, garbage trucks, and vehicles used to transport food and perishables will be allowed.
- c. Charity car washes are prohibited.

- 3. Water may be added to swimming pools to sustain appropriate maintenance levels only on designated irrigation days.
- 4. Ornamental fountains are allowed if the fountain is equipped with a device for recycling water and water may be added to sustain appropriate maintenance levels only on the customer's regularly designated watering day.

5. Use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to firefighting activities or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety and welfare. By written approval from the Manager businesses may purchase and draw water from fire hydrants for land development and building construction processes.
6. The following uses of water are defined as “waste of water” and are absolutely prohibited:
 - a. Allowing water to run off a property through the street, gutter, ditch, alley, or drain for more than seventy-five (75) feet from the downgrade of the property line;
 - b. Failure to repair a controllable leak; including a broken sprinkler head, a leaking valve, leaking or broken pipes, or a leaking faucet.
 - c. Operating a permanently installed irrigation system with:
 - i. A broken sprinkler head;
 - ii. A sprinkler head that is spraying over a street or parking lot because it is out of adjustment; or
 - iii. A sprinkler head that is misting due to high pressure
 - d. Washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other paved areas, except to alleviate immediate fire, health and safety hazards, or to prepare an area for pavement repair or application.
7. Commercial and Industrial Users
 - a. Commercial and industrial users of water shall, in addition to complying with other applicable articles in this resolution, reduce their monthly consumption of water by a minimum of fifteen (15) percent compared to use during the same month of the previous year.
 - b. Industrial users may, in order to justify water use, present a Conservation Plan for approval by the Manager.

Stage 2 Response – WATER WARNING

Goal: Achieve a 20 percent reduction in daily water demand.

Supply Management Measures:

The following measures are to be implemented directly by the Blair WSC to manage limited water supplies and/or reduce water demand: reduce flushing of water mains and reduce irrigation of public landscaped areas.

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

1. Landscape Irrigation

- a. Irrigation by all commercial, industrial and residential customers utilizing individual sprinklers, or sprinkler systems, of lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs or other plants is prohibited except on a designated day which shall be once every two (2) weeks and then only during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. Provided, however, irrigation of gardens, flowerbeds, trees and shrubs is permitted at any time of day if:
 - i. A garden hose is used and is held in the hand during the duration of the irrigation event, or
 - ii. A faucet-filled container of five (5) gallons or less is used, or
 - iii. A drip irrigation system such as soaker hose, deep root water system, or bubbler is used. For the purpose of this section a drip irrigation system is defined as an irrigation device or system designed to emit water at low volumes and low pressures directly onto soil surface or below soil surface without airborne streams or droplets.

Irrigation of LAWNS is permitted at any time on any day if:

- i. A garden hose is used and is held in the hand during the duration of the irrigation event, or
- ii. A faucet-filled container of five (5) gallons or less is used.

A drip irrigation system SHALL NOT be used to irrigate LAWNS except on designated days and at designated times.

- b. New lawns may be watered daily for eight (8) minutes once during each of the following periods: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and at regular intervals between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. for a maximum of three (3) weeks. To qualify under this section, new lawns are those installed in conjunction with the construction of a new residence and for a period of six (6) months thereafter. Re-tilling or any replanting or reseeded of existing lawns shall NOT qualify for new lawn status in this section.

2. Vehicle Washing

- a. It is permissible to wash automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, and other types of mobile equipment at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station or at any location including a resident by using a five (5) gallon container and/or a hand held hose equipped with a quick shut-off nozzle for quick rinses.

- b. If the health, safety and welfare of the public depends upon frequent vehicle cleaning, as determined by the Manager or his/her designee, then washing of vehicles such as emergency vehicles, aircraft, garbage trucks, and vehicles used to transport food and perishables will be allowed.
 - c. Charity car washes are prohibited.
- 3. Water may be added to swimming pools to sustain appropriate maintenance levels weekly, on the customer's regularly designated irrigation days.
- 4. Ornamental fountains are allowed if the fountain is equipped with a device for recycling water and water may be added to sustain appropriate maintenance levels only on the customer's regularly designated watering day.
- 5. Use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to firefighting activities or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety and welfare. By written approval from the Manager, businesses may purchase and draw water from fire hydrants for land development and building construction processes.
- 6. The following uses of water are defined as "waste of water" and are absolutely prohibited:
 - a. Allowing water to run off a property through the street, gutter, ditch, alley, or drain for more than seventy-five (75) feet from the downgrade of the property line;
 - b. Failure to repair a controllable leak; including a broken sprinkler head, a leaking valve, leaking or broken pipes, or a leaking faucet.
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- 7. Commercial and Industrial Users
 - a. Commercial and industrial users of water shall continue to maintain at least a fifteen (15) percent monthly reduction of water use compared to use during the same month of the previous year.

Individual allotments may be adjusted by the Manager based on historical

water usage conservation practices of customer. The other restrictions of Stage 2 still apply to commercial and industrial users.

- b. Industrial users may present a conservation Plan for approval by the Manager.

Stage 3 Responses – WATER EMERGENCY

Goal: Achieve a 40 percent reduction in daily water demand.

Supply Management Measures:

The following measures are to be implemented directly by the Blair WSC to manage limited water supplies and/or reduce water demand: reduce flushing of water mains and reduce irrigation of public landscaped areas.

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

1. Landscape Irrigation

Irrigation of gardens, flowerbeds, trees and shrubs (Not Lawns) by all commercial, industrial, and residential customers is permitted at any time on any day only if:

- a. A garden hose is used and is held in the hand during the duration of the irrigation event, or
- b. A faucet-filled container of five (5) gallons or less is used, or
- c. A drip irrigation system such as soaker hose, deep root water system, or bubbler is used. For the purpose of this section a drip irrigation system is defined as an irrigation device or system designed to emit water at low volumes and low pressures directly onto soil surface or below soil surface without airborne streams or droplets.

Watering of Lawns is prohibited at any time. No new lawns may be installed.

2. Vehicle Washing

- a. It is permissible to wash automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, and other types of mobile equipment at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station.
- b. If the health, safety and welfare of the public depends upon frequent vehicle cleaning, as determined by the Manager or his/her designee, then washing of vehicles such as emergency vehicles, aircraft, garbage trucks, and vehicles used to transport food and perishables will be allowed.

- c. Charity car washes are prohibited.
- 3. Water may be added to swimming pools to sustain appropriate maintenance levels weekly, on the customer's regularly designated irrigation days. New construction of swimming pools is prohibited.
- 4. Ornamental fountains are allowed if the fountain is equipped with a device for recycling water and water may be added to sustain appropriate maintenance levels only on the customer's regularly designated watering day. New construction of ornamental fountains is prohibited.
- 5. Use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to firefighting activities or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety and welfare. By written approval from the Manager businesses may purchase and draw water from fire hydrants for land development and building construction processes.
- 6. The following uses of water are defined as "waste of water" and are absolutely prohibited:
 - a. Allowing water to run off a property through the street, gutter, ditch, alley, or drain for more than seventy-five (75) feet from the downgrade of the property line;
 - b. Failure to repair a controllable leak; including a broken sprinkler head, a leaking valve, leaking or broken pipes, or a leaking faucet.
 - c. Operating a permanently installed irrigation system with:
 - i. A broken sprinkler head;
 - ii. A sprinkler head that is spraying over a street or parking lot because it is out of adjustment; or
 - iii. A sprinkler head that is misting due to high pressure
 - d. Washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other paved areas, except to alleviate immediate fire, health and safety hazards, or to prepare an area for pavement repair or application.
- 7. Commercial and Industrial Users
 - a. Commercial and industrial users of water shall continue to maintain at least a fifteen (15) percent monthly reduction of water use compared to use during the same month of the previous year.

A surcharge rate will be assessed for any water consumption that does not comply with the required reductions. The surcharge in addition to regular charges is as follows:

| | <u>First Occurrence</u> | <u>Subsequent Occurrence(s)</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| First 5,000 gallons over allowed amount per 1,000 gallons | \$5.00 | \$10.00 |
| Next 5,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons | \$10.00 | \$20.00 |
| For higher usage, per 1,000 gallons | \$20.00 | \$30.00 |

Additionally, if a customer uses more than the allowed amount more than once at any time during Stage 3, the customer's water may be turned off and there will be a \$250.00 re-connect fee, in addition to the listed fees.

Individual allotments may be adjusted by the Manager based on historical water usage conservation practices of customer. The other restrictions of Stage 3 still apply to commercial and industrial users.

- b. Industrial users may present a conservation Plan for approval by the Manager.

Stage 4 Responses – WATER CRISIS

Goal: Achieve a 50 percent reduction in daily water demand.

Supply Management Measures:

The following measures are to be implemented directly by the Blair WSC to manage limited water supplies and/or reduce water demand: reduce flushing of water mains and reduce irrigation of public landscaped areas.

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

Implementation Criteria:

1. All outdoor irrigation of vegetation including lawns, using potable water is prohibited.
2. Only washing of mobile equipment in the critical interest of the public health or safety shall be allowed.
3. The filling, refilling or adding of water to swimming and/or wading pools is prohibited. The construction of new swimming pools is prohibited.
4. The operation of any ornamental fountain or similar structure is prohibited. The

construction of new ornamental fountains is prohibited.

5. Use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to firefighting and related activities or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety and welfare. Water for domestic use only may be purchased from the bulk loading station.
6. The following uses of water are defined as “waste of water” and are absolutely prohibited:
 - a. Allowing water to run off a property through the street, gutter, ditch, alley, or drain for more than seventy-five (75) feet from the downgrade of the property line;
 - b. Failure to repair a controllable leak; including a broken sprinkler head, a leaking valve, leaking or broken pipes, or a leaking faucet.
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 - iii. A sprinkler head that is misting due to high pressure
 - d. Washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other paved areas, except to alleviate immediate fire, health and safety hazards.

7. Commercial and Industrial Users

- a. Commercial and industrial users of water (for other than drinking water and rest rooms) shall continue to maintain at least a fifteen (15) percent reduction of water use compared to use during the same month of the previous year.

A surcharge rate will be assessed for any water consumption that does not comply with the required reductions. The surcharge in addition to regular charges is as follows:

| | <u>First Occurrence</u> | <u>Subsequent Occurrence(s)</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| First 5,000 gallons over allowed amount | | |
| per 1,000 gallons | \$10.00 | \$20.00 |
| Next 5,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons | \$20.00 | \$40.00 |
| For higher usage, per 1,000 gallons | \$30.00 | \$60.00 |

Additionally, if a customer uses more than the allowed amount more than

once at any time during Stage 4, then after each such overuse these surcharges will be added and the customer's water may be turned off and there will be a \$500.00 re-connect fee, in addition to the listed fees.

Individual allotments may be adjusted by the Manager based on historical water usage conservation practices of customer. The other restrictions of Stage 4 still apply to commercial and industrial users.

- b. Water used for industrial purposes not in the immediate interest of the public health, safety and welfare will be curtailed to the extent necessary to effectuate the needs and purposes of this Plan.

Section X: Water Conservation Plan Procedures

Year Round Water Use Management

To conserve water supplies available to the Blair WSC, Year Round Water Use Management shall be implemented to restrict certain potable water use activities by all customers of the Blair WSC.

When conditions warrant, pursuant to Section IX, the Water Conservation Plan will be implemented in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Plan.

1. Year Round Water Use Management. The following year round provisions shall apply to all potable water customers of the Blair WSC:

- a. Watering Days:

Customers are encouraged to conserve water by watering their lawn areas only once every seven (7) days on one of their designated watering days.

A customer's watering day is determined by the last digit of the house number or property address. Multi-unit properties will use the lowest address number. Customers on rural routes will use the last number of their post office box number or their route number if they do not have a post office box number. Customers in trailer parks will use the last number of their lot number.

When Ft. Phantom Reservoir is above 1630.9 feet elevation (less than five (5) feet below the spillway) the following three (3) day a week watering schedule applies:

Designated Watering Days:

Wednesday, Friday, Sunday

Odd numbered addresses

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Even numbered addresses

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Industrial, commercial, government

customers, public and private schools
and universities

When Ft. Phantom Reservoir is between 1630.9 feet and 1625.9 feet elevation (between five (5) and ten (10) feet below the spillway), the following two (2) day a week watering schedule applies:

Designated Watering Days:

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Thursday, Sunday | Odd numbered addresses |
| Tuesday, Saturday | Even numbered addresses |
| Monday, Friday | Industrial, commercial, government customers, public and private schools and universities |

b. Watering Times:

Watering by all commercial, industrial, and residential customers utilizing individual sprinklers, or sprinkler systems, on lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs or other plants is prohibited except on designated days(s) and then only during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

c. Watering of gardens, flowerbeds, trees and shrubs is permitted at any time of any day if:

- i. A garden hose is used and is held in the hand during the duration of the irrigation event, or
- ii. A faucet-filled container of five (5) gallons or less is used, or
- iii. A drip irrigation system such as soaker hose, deep root water system, or bubbler is used. For the purpose of this section a drip irrigation system is defined as an irrigation device or system designed to emit water at low volumes and low pressures directly onto soil surface or below soil surface without airborne streams or droplets.

d. Irrigation of LAWNS is permitted at any time on any day if:

- i. A garden hose is used and is held in the hand during the duration of the irrigation event, or
- ii. A faucet-filled container of five (5) gallons or less is used.

A drip irrigation system SHALL NOT be used to irrigate LAWNS except on designated days and at designated times.

- e. New lawns that have been seeded (not to include re-seeding or overseeding existing turf), sodded or mulched may be watered daily for eight (8) minutes once during each of the following periods: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and at regular intervals between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. for a maximum of three (3) weeks. To qualify under this section, new lawns are those installed in conjunction with the construction of a new residence and for a period of six (6) months thereafter or the re-tilling of an area equaling at least fifty (50) percent of an existing yard.
 - f. Water wasting. The following uses of water are defined as “waste of water” and are absolutely prohibited:
 - i. Allowing water to run off a property through the street, gutter, ditch, alley, or drain for more than seventy-five (75) feet from the downgrade of the property line;
 - ii. Failure to repair a controllable leak, including a broken sprinkler head, a leaking valve, leaking or broken pipes, or a leaking faucet;
 - iii. Operating a permanently installed irrigation system with a broken sprinkler head; a sprinkler head that is spraying over a street or parking lot because it is out of adjustment; or a sprinkler head that is misting due to high pressure.
 - g. Use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to firefighting activities or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare. The Manager will review written requests on a case-by-case basis for the purchase and withdrawal of fire hydrants for land development and building construction processes.
 - h. Ornamental fountains are allowed if the fountain is equipped with a device for recycling water and water may be added to sustain appropriate maintenance levels only on the customer’s regularly designated watering days.
 - i. Water may be added to swimming pools to sustain appropriate maintenance levels only on the customer’s regularly designated watering days.
 - j. The operation of charity car washes must:
 - i. Not allow water to run-off more than seventy-five (75) feet, and
 - ii. Use hoses with on/off nozzles and buckets.
 - k. Large-scale recreational development, such as, but not limited to, water parks, shall submit a Plan to the Manager that detail expected water consumption and maintenance requirements. Any deviation from the requirements of this Resolution will be resolved on a case-by-case method.
2. Administrative enforcement, Presumption of Ownership & Control; Hearing Officers; Administration of Hearings, Hearings, Appeals, Payment, Subsequent Violations,

Fees, and Requests for Variances as pertaining to Year Round Water Use Management are addressed in Section X and XI.

Section XI: Enforcement

- (a) No person shall knowingly or intentionally allow the use of water from the Blair Water Supply Corporation for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this Plan, or in a way not permitted by the drought response stage in effect at the time pursuant to action taken by the Manager, or his/her designee, in accordance with provisions of this Plan
- (b) If any person violates this Plan, the Manager shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, hereby established at \$50.00, and any other costs incurred by the Blair Water Supply Corporation in discontinuing service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the Manager that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.
- (c) Any person, including a person classified as a water customer of the Blair Water Supply Corporation, in apparent control of the property where a violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on the person's property shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the person in apparent control of the property committed the violation, but any such person shall have the right to show that he/she did not commit the violation. Parents shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of their minor children and proof that a violation, committed by a child, occurred on property within the parents' control shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the parent committed the violation, but any such parent may be excused if he/she proves that he/she had previously directed the child not to use the water as it was used in violation of this Plan and that the parent could not have reasonably known of the violation.

Section XII: Variances

The Manager, or his/her designee, may, in writing, grant temporary variance for existing water uses otherwise prohibited under this Plan if it is determined that failure to grant such variance would cause an emergency condition adversely affecting the health, sanitation, or fire protection for the public or the person requesting such variance and if one or more of the following conditions are met:

- (a) Compliance with this Plan cannot be technically accomplished during the duration of the water supply shortage or other condition for which the Plan is in effect.
- (b) Alternative methods can be implemented which will achieve the same level of reduction in water use.

Persons requesting an exemption from the provisions of this Resolution shall file a petition for variance with the Blair WSC within 5 days after the Plan or a particular drought response stage has

been invoked. All petitions for variances shall be reviewed by the Manager, or his/her 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 Resolution.
- (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 proposes to take to meet the intent of this Plan and the compliance date.
- (h) Other pertinent information.

Variances granted by the Board shall be subject to the following conditions, unless waived or modified by the Manager or his/her designee:

- (a) Variances granted shall include a timetable for compliance.
- (b) Variances granted shall expire when the Plan is no longer in effect, unless the petitioner has failed to meet specified requirements.

No variance shall be retroactive or otherwise justify any violation of this Plan occurring prior to the issuance of the variance.
