

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To: Elgin MUD #2 Customers

From: Andrew Hunt, Manager

Subject: Stage 1 Watering Restrictions – Drought Contingency Plan

Trinity Ranch residents:

**The District is under Stage 1 restrictions.** Residents are asked to follow the provisions of the Stage 1 Watering Restrictions on a voluntary basis. The watering schedule is provided below.

**Monday and Thursday**: Even last number of address **Tuesday and Friday**: Odd last number of address

Restricted Outdoor Watering Hours – Should only water outdoors before 10:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m. on the appropriate watering day.

Restricted Outdoor Watering Volume – Water no more than one (1) inch on the appropriate watering day.

Stage 1 – Mild Water Shortage Conditions. The goal for Stage 1 is to achieve a 10% reduction in average daily water use (e.g., total water use, daily water demand, etc.).

## 1. Required Water Use Restrictions.

- a. Landscape Irrigation Use by a permanently installed automatic irrigation system is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This prohibition does not apply to irrigation: (i) at a single family, duplex, triplex, or fourplex residence; (ii) using treated wastewater effluent or raw water; (iii) during landscape installation and within the first seven days after installation is complete; (iv) during repair or testing of a new or existing irrigation system; and (v) at a commercial plant nursery.
- b. The following uses will constitute a waste of water and will be prohibited:
  - i. washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, patios or other hard-surfaced areas, except to alleviate immediate health or safety hazards;
    - ii. using water for dust control;
  - iii. allowing water to run off a property or to pond in the street or on a parking lot;

- iv. operating a permanently installed irrigation system that includes broken heads, heads that are missing, or heads that are out of adjustment and spray more than 10% of the spray on the street or a parking lot;
- v. failing to repair a controllable leak within a reasonable period after having been given notice to repair the leak;
- vi. flushing gutters or permitting water to run into or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
- vii. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection.
- c. All District operations will adhere to the Stage 1 water use restrictions prescribed above.
- d. Any additional or alternative restrictions imposed by the Water Supplier or otherwise determined to be necessary by the District Manager will adhere to the Stage 1 water use restrictions prescribed above.

## 2. <u>Voluntary Water Use Measures</u>.

- a. All Customers will be requested to voluntarily limit Landscape Irrigation Use to Designated Outdoor Watering Days between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. and to limit water use on each Designated Outdoor Watering Day to less than one inch of volume.
- b. Customers will be requested to reduce water use and to minimize or discontinue Non-Essential Water Uses. Customers will also be encouraged to insulate pipes and fittings to prevent freezing rather than leaving faucets running or dripping.