

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR QUADVEST, L.P.

Section 1 Declaration of Policy, Purpose, and Intent

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 to limit non-essential water usage. The purpose of the Drought Contingency Plan is to encourage customer conservation in order to maintain supply, storage, or pressure or to comply with the requirements of a court, government agency or other authority.

Please note: Water restriction is not a legitimate alternative if water system does not meet the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) capacity requirements under normal conditions or if the utility fails to take all immediate and necessary steps to replace or repair malfunctioning equipment.

Section 2 Public Involvement

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation of the Plan was provided by POA (*Home Owners Association Meetings*)

Section 3 Public Education

Quadvest, LP 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:

Utility bill memos, Delivered Flyers, website, Posted Signs at Subdivision entrances, emails, and/or phone calls.

Section 4 Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups

The service area of Quadvest, LP is located within: Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) San Jacinto River Authority, Lone Star Groundwater, Brazoria County Groundwater Subsidence District, City of Rosenberg, Fort Bend Water Authority, Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District, and Harris Galveston Coastal Subsidence District

Quadvest, LP has mailed a copy of this Plan to the above listed groups.

Section 5 Notice Requirements

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

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1. the date restrictions will begin,
2. the circumstances that triggered the restrictions,
3. the stages of response and explanation of the restrictions to be implemented, and,
4. an explanation of the consequences for violations.

The utility must notify the TCEQ by telephone at (512) 239- 6020, or electronic mail at watermon@TCEQ.state.tx.us prior to implementing the program and must notify in writing 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 utility's restriction notice. The utility must file a status report of its restriction program with the TCEQ every 30 days that restriction continues.

Section 6 Violations

1. First violation - The customer will be notified by written or verbal notice of their specific violation.
2. Subsequent violations:
 1. After written notice, the utility may install a flow restricting device in the line to limit the amount of water which will pass through the meter in a 24 hour period. The utility may charge the customer for the actual cost of installing and removing the flow restricting device, not to exceed \$50.00, Or
 2. After written notice, the utility may discontinue service at the meter for a period of seven (7) days, or until the end of the calendar month, whichever is LESS. The normal reconnect fee of the utility will apply for restoration of service.

Section 7 Exemptions or Variances

The utility 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 the utility in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Equality. The utility 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.

Section 8 Response Stages

Unless there is an immediate and extreme reduction in water production, or other absolute necessity to declare an emergency or severe condition, the utility will initially declare Stage I restrictions. If,

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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 II may be implemented with Stage III to follow if necessary.

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the use of water for non-essential purposes and to practice water conservation at all times, but especially during the peak period of April 1 to September 30,

STAGE I - VOLUNTARY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

Stage 1 will begin:

Demand- or Capacity-Based Triggers

Total daily demand=> than 66.6% of Production

Upon initiation and termination of Stage 1, the utility will notify customers and the TCEQ.

Requirements for termination

Stage 1 of the Plan may end when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of seven (7) consecutive days.

Utility Measures

Visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis.

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

Restricted Days/Hours: Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and to irrigate landscapes only between the hours of midnight and 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to midnight on designated watering days.

Water customers are requested to practice water conservation and to minimize or discontinue non-essential water use. **No irrigation of landscaped areas on Sunday.**

STAGE II - MILD WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

Stage 2 will begin:

Demand- or Capacity-Based Triggers

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Total Daily Usage => 650 gal. Per meter X # Active meters on System Well(s)

Upon initiation and termination of Stage 2, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers and the TCEQ.

Requirements for termination

Stage 2 of the Plan may end 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 2, Stage 1 becomes operative.

Utility Measures

Visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis.

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions: The following water use restrictions shall apply to all customers:

(a) Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five gallons or less, or drip irrigation system. **No irrigation of landscaped areas on Sunday.**

(b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle. 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 is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

(c) Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

(d) 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.

(e) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare.

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(f) Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the utility, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.

STAGE III - MODERATE WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

Stage 3 will begin

Demand- or Capacity-Based Triggers

Total daily usage =>850 gal. Per meter X # Active Meters on System Well(s).

Upon initiation and termination of Stage 3, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers and the TCEQ.

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 seven (7) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 3, Stage 2 becomes operative.

Utility Measures

Visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis. Flushing is prohibited except for dead end mains.

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions:

(a) Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Mondays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), outside watering will be permitted on Tuesdays and Fridays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9). Irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. to midnight on designated watering days. **No irrigation of landscaped areas on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.** However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.

(b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. 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

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public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

(c) Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

(d) 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.

(e) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from Quadvest, LP.

(f) Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by Quadvest, LP., the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.

(g) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.

(h) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:

1. wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
2. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
3. use of water for dust control;
4. flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
5. failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

STAGE IV - SEVERE WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

Stage 4 will begin:

Demand- or Capacity-Based Triggers

Total daily usage =>1000 gal. Per meter X # Active Meters on System Well(s).

Upon initiation and termination of Stage 4, the utility will notify customer and TCEQ.

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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 seven (7) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 4, Stage 3 becomes operative.

Operational Measures

The utility shall visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis. Flushing is prohibited except for dead end mains and only between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.. All meters shall be read as often as necessary to insure compliance with this program for the benefit of all the customers.

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions

All requirements of Stage 3 shall remain in effect during Stage 4 except:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be limited to designated watering days between the hours of 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, drip irrigation, or permanently installed automatic sprinkler system only. The use of hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times.

- (b) The watering of golf course tees is prohibited unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by Quadvest, LP.

- (c) The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.

STAGE V - CRITICAL WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

Stage 5 will begin:

Demand- or Capacity-Based Triggers

Total daily usage =>1100 gal. Per meter X # Active Meters on System Well(s).

Upon initiation and termination of Stage 5, the utility will notify customers and TCEQ.

Requirements for termination

Stage 5 of the Plan 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 5, Stage 4 becomes operative.

Operational Measures

The utility shall visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis. Flushing is prohibited except for dead end mains and only between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. All meters shall be read as often as necessary to insure compliance with this program for the benefit of all the customers.

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Mandatory Water Use Restrictions

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

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