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Re: *Initiation of drought response.*

REASON: When emergency or trigger conditions occur, the director of the water department or his/her designee shall make recommendations to the mayor of the appropriate stage of the plan to order. The mayor shall have the authority to initiate or terminate the appropriate drought response stage. Notification of the public will occur as set forth in section 13.07.032(b) of the River Oaks Code of Ordinances.

ACTION TAKEN: Because water demand equals a reduced delivery capacity for all or part of the system due to supply or production capacity limitations including contamination of the system, the City's Water Superintendent has recommended that the Mayor should initiate a Stage 2 "Water Watch".

As Mayor of the City of River Oaks, I, Herman D. Earwood after reviewing the facts to hereby INITIATE AND ORDER A STAGE 2 "WATER WATCH" pursuant to Article 13.07 "Water Conservation and Drought Contingency" of the River Oaks Code of Ordinances to be implemented on this the 15th day of July 2011 as follows:

Begin mandatory water use restrictions as follows:

(a) Limit landscaping watering at each service address to once every five days based on the last digit of the address per the schedule below:

Last Digit of Address	Allowed Water Dates
0 or 5	5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th
1 or 6	1st, 6th, 11th, 16th, 21st, 26th
2 or 7	2nd, 7th, 12th, 17 th , 22nd, 27th
3 or 8	3rd, 8th, 13th, 18th, 23rd, 28th
4 or 9	4th, 9th, 14th, 19th, 24th, 29th

(b) No watering will be allowed on the 31st.

(c) Require the public not to water between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for efficient use of irrigation water.

(d) The lowest address number will identify apartments, office building complexes or other property containing multiple addresses. Where there are no numbers, a number will be assigned by the water department office. These restrictions also apply to government facilities.

(e) **Exceptions:** Foundations, azaleas, and new plantings (first year) of trees and shrubs may be watered with a handheld or soaker hose on any day for up to two hours; nurseries may water plant stock only without restrictions; public gardens may water without restrictions. Handheld watering by hose with automatic shutoff valve or by bucket may be done on any day. Restrictions do not apply to any location using groundwater or wastewater effluent for irrigation.

(f) Require a reduction by local governments of nonessential water use and a reduction in landscape watering.

(g) Encourage public to wait until the emergency water situation has passed to establish new landscaping.

(h) Prohibit draining and refilling of existing pools and filling of new pools. Existing commercial, public and private swimming pools that are filled may add water to replace that lost during daily use.

All initiated measures will remain in effect until the conditions that triggered stage 2 have been alleviated. If stage 2 initiated because of excessive demands, all initiated actions will remain in effect through September 30 or until the mayor determines that these measures are no longer required.

INITIATED THIS THE 15TH DAY OF JULY 2011 BY:

**Herman D. Earwood
Mayor
City of River Oaks**