



LOST CREEK Municipal Utility District

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Residents of Lost Creek and Customers of the District:

New Water Conservation Plan in Effect May 1, 2008

On April 29, 2008 The Board of Directors approved a new Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan for Lost Creek. This plan satisfies one of the requirements of our Strategic Partnership Agreement with the City of Austin, under which annexation of Lost Creek was delayed until December 31, 2015. This plan also satisfies requirements of the Texas State Statutes relating to drought contingency planning and provides a framework for reducing the consumption of water and improving the efficiency of water use in the District. The plan was effective May 1, 2008.

The full text of the plan may be found on the District's website at www.lostcreekmud.org or a copy may be obtained at the District office at 1305 Quaker Ridge Road.

The infrastructure that collects, treats, and distributes our potable water must be designed and operated to satisfy peak demand. Though Lost Creek is no longer growing, our bulk rates for water supplied by the City of Austin are partially based upon our peak demand. So conserving water and using it wisely doesn't just ensure an adequate supply will be available when needed; it reduces the overall cost.

In analyzing past data to prepare this plan the Board was pleasantly surprised to discover that the peak daily water demand in Lost Creek varies by as much as 30% from year to year, indicating that Lost Creek residents are already making significant efforts to control water use. But we were also surprised to see that peaks in daily water demand exceeded 2.3 million gallons during the last three years. That's two million gallons more than normal daily indoor household usage; water that is going on our lawns and running off into storm drains. Obviously there is still room to improve our conservation efforts. Though the new plan targets all water use, its primary focus is on water used for irrigation, since that is the largest contributor to both peak and total demand.

The goals of this plan are to:

- 1) Reduce peak daily water demand in the District by 1% per year for the next seven years

2) Reduce total water consumption in the District by 5% per year for the next seven years

3) Reduce unaccounted for water by 1% per year for the next seven years

To achieve these goals the District will endeavor to supply Lost Creek residents with information on measures we can all take to reduce water consumption and use water more wisely. This will be accomplished through postings on our web site, mailings, and information which can be obtained at the District office. Some of this information is already posted on the "water" page of our web site.

Lost Creek residents are eligible for, and the District participates in, all City of Austin rebate and incentive programs. These programs provide rebates, discounts, and, in certain instances, free replacements for water efficient appliances. (links to this information can be found on our web site or at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/watercon/>). In addition, District personnel are available to assist in leak detection.

All these efforts will be useless in controlling peak usage, however, if we all water our lawns on the same day. To balance usage the plan establishes specific watering days and times, applied in three stages depending upon the level of demand and/or limitations in supply. The Board fully expects that, if all residents adopt the voluntary restrictions in stage 1, there will never be a need to implement stage 2 or stage 3 procedures. Should the need to implement stage 2 or 3 arise, signs will be posted at the Lost Creek entrance on Loop 360 and at the District office. Email alerts from the Lost Creek Neighborhood Association and bill inserts will also be used, when appropriate, to apprise Lost Creek residents of our water conservation stages and results.

Descriptions of each stage of the plan are enclosed (see the plan text for full details of each stage).

Lets all pitch in to conserve our valuable resources, save money, and avoid mandatory restrictions.

Sincerely,



Rick A. Cherye
President

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Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan Summary

Stage 1: Normal Conditions (May 1 through September 30)

- 1) Watering with permanently installed irrigation systems or hose-end sprinklers is prohibited between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.
- 2) Voluntary alternate day watering schedule will be in effect. Odd numbered addresses should water on odd days only. Even numbered addresses should water on even days only. Multi-unit irrigation systems watering days are determined by billing address.

Stage 2: Moderate Conditions

Peak Daily Water demand exceeds eighty-five percent (85%) of conservation goals for more than three consecutive days

Control Measures

- 1) Stage 1 alternate day irrigation watering schedule is mandatory.
- 2) Outdoor water use (car washing, pool filling, etc) will be restricted to designated outdoor water use days before 10:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m.

Stage 3: Severe Conditions

- 1) Peak Daily Water demand exceeds ninety-five percent (95%) of conservation goals for more than three consecutive days, or
- 2) A disruption due to equipment or distribution system failure or supply restriction that would limit the supply of water to less than seventy-five percent (75%) of normal

Control Measures

- 1) Mandatory twice per week watering schedule will be in effect. Odd numbered addresses may water Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Even numbered addresses may water on Thursdays and Sundays only. Multi-unit irrigation systems and District parks and beautification areas may water on Tuesdays and Fridays only.