NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF BANDERA COUNTY

EXCEPTIONAL DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

The Bandera County River Authority And Groundwater District have moved to Exceptional Drought Restrictions. The move was based on the current groundwater levels and the rainfall deficit.

Below is a comprehensive breakdown of the current drought restrictions for permitted well owners in effect as of August 3, 2023:

The following drought restrictions and any subsequent enforcement actions not only apply to all permit holders and public water suppliers but to anyone who utilizes water from a public water supply system or any District permit holder in the County.

A. All requirements of Stage 4 remain in effect in Stage 5.

B. Irrigation of all landscape areas and turf is prohibited at all times.

C. All Permittees with wells permitted to pump into surface impoundments shall discontinue pumping.

D. The issuance of new water well permits and amendments may be suspended except to replace an existing well.

E. All existing permits may have their authorized pumping amounts reduced by the District for the duration of Stage 5 and possibly even if the County falls back into Stage 4.

F. Any other measures deemed necessary by the Board to protect public health and safety.

Most residential and domestic water wells are registered rather than permitted by the BCRAGD; therefore, they are not subject to drought restrictions.
Texas

U.S. Drought Monitor

August 1, 2023
(Released Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity:
- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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July 29, 2023

Mr. Joe Esparza  
Deputy Secretary of State  
State Capitol, Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas  78701

Dear Mr. Deputy Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation declaring and renewing a state of disaster in a certain number of counties based on the existence of serious drought conditions that pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor  
GSD:gsd

Attachment
PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on July 8, 2022, as amended and renewed in a number of subsequent proclamations, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in several counties; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Division of Emergency Management has confirmed that those same drought conditions continue to exist in these and other counties in Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend and renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in Andrews, Bandera, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Cameron, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Coryell, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Erath, Gaines, Gillespie, Hamilton, Hays, Hidalgo, Jeff Davis, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Matagorda, Medina, Midland, Mills, Parker, Real, Travis, Waller, Wharton, and Williamson Counties.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency’s emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 29th day of July, 2023.

[Signature]
GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

[Signature]
JOE ESPARZA
Deputy Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JUL 29 2023