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Stage 4A Water Conservation Rescinded, Stage 2 Ordered

COPPERAS COVE, Texas (April 3, 2024) – The City of Copperas Cove is reverting to Stage 2 of its Water Conservation Plan, following guidance from the Bell County Water Control and Improvement District #1. In response to a plant leak, the organization had urged cities to temporarily escalate to a Stage 4 Water Conservation Plan on April 1. Officials confirm that repairs have been successfully completed and the system has been restored to full capacity.

Mayor Dan D. Yancey has rescinded Stage 4A, and the City will revert back to Stage 2 restrictions, as previously ordered on August 1, 2023. The Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan may be found in its entirety on the City's website at:

https://library.municode.com/tx/copperas_cove/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH6CIDIPREMA_ARTIIWACODRCOPL

BCWCID #1 and the City of Copperas Cove extend gratitude to all residents who contributed to conservation efforts this week. There is no boil water notice in effect, as our transmission lines never lost pressure.

Questions or concerns may be directed to any of the following:

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(Rescind Order Attached)

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**COPPERAS COVE WATER CONSERVATION
AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY**

RESCINDING ORDER FOR STAGE IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, The City of Copperas Cove was notified by the Bell County Water Control and Improvement District #1 that a major leak on the 48" transmission main occurred on April 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The transmission main will be out of service for at least 48 hours; and

WHEREAS, The City's water supply is less than water use demand; and

WHEREAS, The City Council approved Ordinance 2019-33, amending the City's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Plan authorizes the mayor to implement stages of the Plan upon determination that it is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

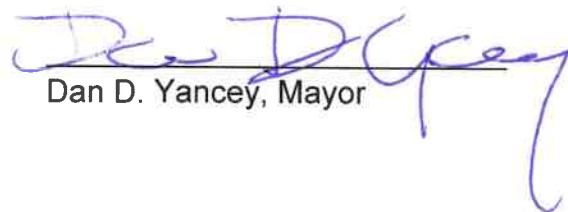
WHEREAS, Mayor Yancey issued an Order for Stage Implementation for Stage 4A on April 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bell County Water Control and Improvement District #1 repaired the leak, confirmed that system levels were normal and the City of Copperas Cove water storage capacities have been verified to be at normal levels; and

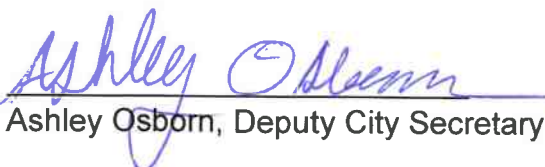
WHEREAS, the Brazos River Authority and Bell County Water Control and Improvement District #1 will continue maintaining Stage 2 water restrictions due to the level of Belton Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS ORDERS the rescinding of STAGE 4A water restrictions and continuation of STAGE 2 water restrictions effective on April 3, 2024.

ORDERED on this 3rd day of April, 2024 as authorized by the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.


Dan D. Yancey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ashley Osborn, Deputy City Secretary

Stage 2 - Drought Response Stages

Pursuant to Chapter 6, Division 2, Section 6-46 (Drought response stages) of the City's Adopted Code of Ordinances:

- (3) Stage 2 response—Severe water shortage conditions.
- a. **Goal.** Achieve a fifteen (15) percent reduction in daily water demand.
 - b. **Supply management measures.** The City of Copperas Cove will reduce or discontinue flushing of water mains, reduce or discontinue irrigation of public landscaped areas; use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes will be allowed.
 - c. **Water use restrictions.** Under threat of penalty for violating, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:
 1. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to designated days as listed in the table below. Irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time 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.

Last Digit of Street Address Ends in:	Designated Watering Day
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday

2. 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. 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.

- 3. Use of water to fill, and/or refill, 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 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.**
- 4. Operations of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes are prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculating system.**
- 5. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, 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 the City of Copperas Cove.**
- 6. 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 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a non-potable water source such as reclaimed water, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.**
- 7. All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.**
- 8. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:**
 - i. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, and tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;**
 - ii. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;**
 - iii. Use of water for dust control, unless reclaimed water is used;**
 - iv. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;**
 - v. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).**