

**SANTO SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT**  
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**Re: Drought Contingency Plan Initiation**

Dear Santo Special Utility District Customer:

As you are aware, the State of Texas is experiencing an unprecedented drought. Because of this, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has been monitoring water needs across the state and is legally authorized to require curtailment or reduction of water use in any specific area in order to conserve water. As of November 19, 2012, **TCEQ** has taken initial action to restrict water usage in the Brazos River Basin. In response to this, the Palo Pinto County Water District No. 1, the City of Mineral Wells, surrounding water supply corporations and other wholesale customers of the City will be implementing Stage I of their Drought Contingency Plans, in addition to other requirements.

The water conservation measures to be implemented are as follows:

- Initiate voluntary conservatin measures, where possible.
- All "non-essential water use" shall be prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. "Non-essential water use" is defined as washing windows, siding, eaves and roofs of buildings; washing driveways, streets, curbs and gutters; non-commercial vehicle washing; unattended irrigation or sprinkler lawn watering of landscaping, shrubs and grass; draining and filling swimming pools; and flushing water system. Handheld hose watering of landscaping, shrubs and grass is permissible subject to the "time-of-day" restrictions established herein.
- These water use restrictions will be effective December 28, 2012 and will remain in effect until further notice.

Your cooperation in this effort is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Santo Special Utility District at (940)769-4594.

Sincerely,

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