

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, Burnet County, Texas and the cities therein are currently suffering from extreme drought conditions;

WHEREAS, the Keetch-Bryam Drought Index (KBDI) is an index that is used to indicate drought conditions, and the current average KBDI value for Burnet County is 738.58 as of August 21, 2023, with a maximum KBDI value of 758;

WHEREAS, the KBDI value for Burnet County is now within the highest range of the index, indicating high severity of drought;

WHEREAS, the National Drought Mitigation Center, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have formed the United States Drought Monitor (USDM);

WHEREAS, the USDM monitors drought conditions across the United States and has classified all of Burnet County to be in Extreme Drought;

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Groundwater District that serves Burnet County has been in Stage 4 Water Restrictions since June 13, 2022 in accordance with their Drought Management Plan;

WHEREAS, multiple jurisdictions and water systems have implemented Stage 3 and Stage 4 Water Restrictions;

WHEREAS, the Lower Colorado River Authority has enacted Stage 2 of its Drought Contingency Plan on August 14, 2023, due to the combined storage of Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan reaching 900,000 acre-feet, or 46 percent of capacity;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has continually renewed and amended a drought declaration originally proclaimed by general proclamation on July 8, 2022.

WHEREAS, these drought conditions pose an imminent threat of widespread damage, injury, or loss of life or property;

NOW THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE BURNET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT BY SECTION 418.108 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, WE HEREBY PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH DISASTER AND DIRECT THAT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS BE IMPLEMENTED TO MEET THIS DISASTER:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Burnet County pursuant to Section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for seven (7) days unless extended by the Burnet County Commissioners' Court and then for so long as such conditions exist.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (c) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Burnet County.
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Burnet County Emergency Management Plan.
5. The purpose of this order is the mitigation of and response to expected, assumed, and or imminent impacts resulting from current drought conditions and to curtail practices that may impact water supplies across the county.

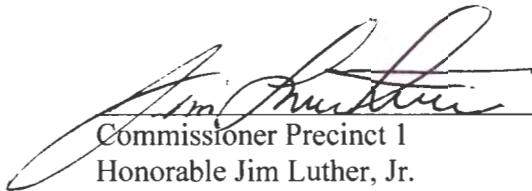
BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the residents of Burnet County adhere to the following recommendations:

1. Follow all issued water restrictions from water providers;
2. If you are in the unincorporated areas of the county, and utilizing a well for water, follow water use restrictions issued by The Central Texas Ground Water Conservation District;
3. All residents are encouraged to reduce water usage by as much as possible by:
 - a. Not watering lawns or landscapes.
 - b. Not washing vehicles.
 - c. Re-using or recirculating water whenever possible
 - d. Do not use water to wash sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, or any outdoor surfaces except when required for human or animal health and safety reasons, or fire hazard prevention.
 - e. Utilizing leak-proof troughs for watering of animals and livestock.

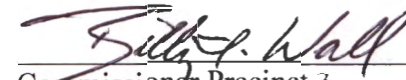
f. Checking for and repairing any leaks.

This Declaration and Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and continue until rescinded by the Burnet County Commissioners Court.

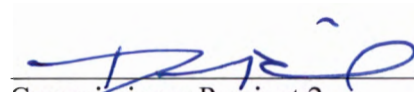
DECLARED AND ORDERED THIS THE 22nd DAY OF August, 2023, effective immediately.



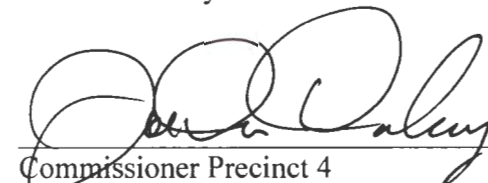
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