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DROUGHT STAGE 3

INFORMATION FOR PERMIT & WELL REGISTRATION APPLICANTS

Effective Date: April 17, 2026
Current Status: County-wide Drought Stage 3 (Severe Drought)

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The District is currently in **Drought Stage 3** for the entire county. Your well or permit falls under the following restrictions while the district is in this drought stage.

Activity	Restriction
Outside Watering	**Lawns, trees, shrubs, or gardens permitted 2 days per week**
Vehicle Washing	**Commercial facilities only**
Outdoor Surface Washing	**Buildings, driveways, streets, patios permitted only with hose shut-off nozzle**
Dust Control	**Permitted when required by law**
Livestock Watering	**Leak-proof troughs only**
Water Storage	**Providing groundwater to ponds, lakes, tanks, reservoirs, or other surface impoundments for holding water PROHIBITED**
General	**Continue voluntary reduction in non-essential uses; Check for and correct all plumbing leaks**

KEY POINTS FOR PERMIT APPLICANTS

1. **All applications are still processed** during Drought Stage 3
2. **Special permit conditions** may be added based on current drought conditions
3. **Production limits** may be adjusted based on aquifer conditions
4. **Water conservation plans** are required as part of Operating Permit applications (Rule 3.4.A.5.d)
5. **Drought contingency plans** are required for export permits (Rule 3.6.D.8)

COMPLIANCE

The District relies primarily on **voluntary compliance**. Persons found in non-compliance will be contacted by District Staff. Repeated violations may result in additional enforcement actions under District Rule 9.

Civil penalties may reach up to **$25,000 per day per violation** for serious or continuing violations.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Full Drought Management Rules:** Rule 7 of District Rules (available at District Office or website)
- **Permit Application Forms:** Available at District Office or online
- **Fee Schedule:** Available at District Office

This handout summarizes key Drought Stage 3 requirements. For complete rules and regulations, please refer to the official BPGCD Rules document or contact the District Office.

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