

Water Conservation Public Workshop

February 19, 2015

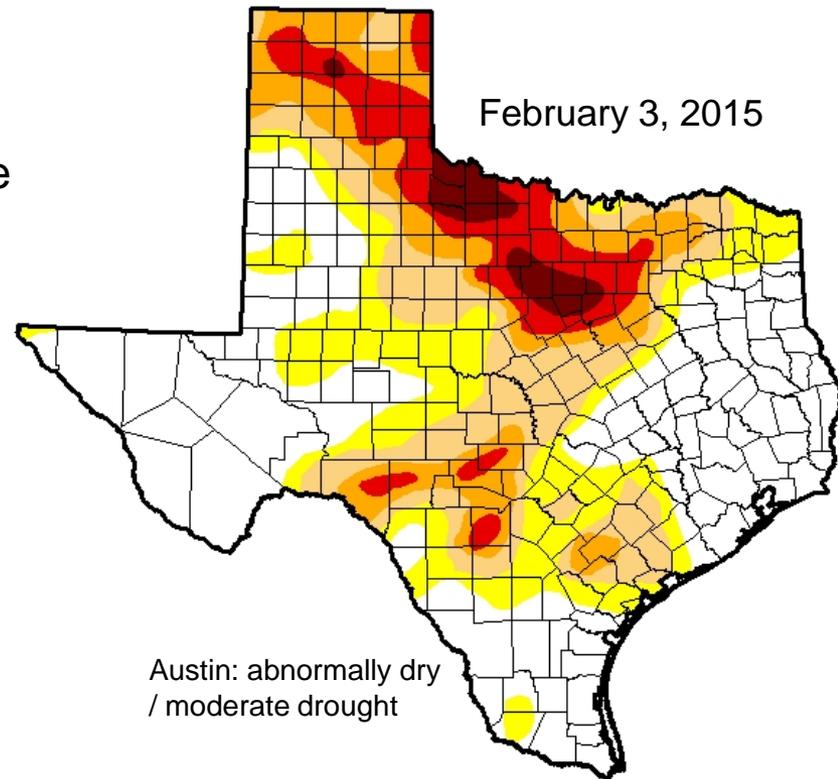
CONSIDERING
ADDITIONAL
RESTRICTIONS
DURING
STAGE 3

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FOR EMERGENCY
STAGE 4
RESTRICTIONS

Why Are We Here?

- Continuing drought conditions
- 2014 – second-lowest inflows into Lakes Travis and Buchanan
- LCRA projections show potential Drought Worse than Drought of Record as early as June 2015
- Potential impacts of implementing Emergency Stage 4



What is the Goal

- Determining additional restrictions for Stage 3
- Setting lake level triggers for additional restrictions during Stage 3 and Stage 4

Final Product

- Guidance document for Director and City Manager that recommends:
 - Additional restrictions to delay Stage 4 implementation
 - Lake level triggers for additional Stage 3 restrictions
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- Recommendations will be incorporated into the next update of the Drought Contingency Plan (2019)

1st Public Meeting Results: Stage 3 Additional Restrictions

- Irrigation every other week
- Shorten irrigation window
- Limit what can be irrigated
- Change landscape requirements
- Residential, multifamily, commercial share the burden

1st Public Meeting Results: Lake Level Triggers

- Additional Restrictions under Stage 3:
 - 500,000 acre-feet (*Participant consensus*)
 - *Responses ranged from 625,000 to 450,000 acre-feet*
- Drought-related Stage 4:
 - 450,000 acre-feet (*Participant consensus*)
 - *Responses ranged from 691,000 to 250,000 acre-feet*

Small Group Discussion and Table Exercise



- Tonight's Results
- Discussion/Questions
- Next Steps



Projected Timeline

- February 19 2nd/ Final Public Workshop
- February 26-March 6 Recommendations to Director and City Manager
- March 1-14 Target for posting approved documents



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