

Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District – Press Release 8/12/2020

August 10th Regular Board Meeting

The Directors heard an update from the District’s consulting meteorologist and from District staff regarding current hydrologic conditions.

- Lacking tropical storms, drought impacts are likely to strengthen due to the El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO) neutral pattern shifting to La Niña.
- The levels of the District’s 42 monitor wells are trending downward. Six of the monitor wells are at record lows.
- Guadalupe River flow is well below the median value for this time of year.

Recognizing these factors, but noting Stage 2 was just implemented in July, and only four stages are available, the fourth being a drought emergency, the Board decided that barring a significant rain event, a move to Stage 3 would be delayed, but was likely at the September meeting.

The Board directed the General Manager to publicize this future move to more restricted use by well operators and to caution those who are considering planting new lawns—they may have difficulty keeping the new grass alive. In Stage 3, hand watering of lawns would be allowed by hand-held hose on designated water days, but according to the District’s Drought Stage Chart posted on the District homepage: “Lawn and turf grass watering by hose-end sprinklers, automatic sprinklers, soaker hoses, or drip irrigation is not allowed.”

For more information please visit the District’s website www.ccgcd.org.

