



Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District – Press Release July 19, 2023

July 18th Regular Board Meeting

The Cow Creek GCD Board of Directors voted to move to **Stage 4 Drought Restrictions**. District General Manager, Micah Voulgaris recommended the move after a presentation on current hydrologic conditions in Kendall County.

- The average water level (1177.20') in the Middle Trinity Aquifer is 24.02 feet below the July average.
- The average water level has declined 5.82' since June 30th.
- The levels of the District's 43 monitor wells are trending downward. Fifteen of the monitor wells were at record lows for July.
- The flow has stopped in the Guadalupe River at the USGS gauges in Comfort and Spring Branch.

Stage 4 is considered a Drought Emergency.

No lawn or turf grass watering is allowed with groundwater at any time by any means.

Filling of ponds, lakes, tanks, fountains, ornamental ponds, reservoirs or other surface impoundments with groundwater is prohibited.

The use of groundwater to fill or refill pools, other than portable wading pools, is prohibited. Groundwater may be added to pools to replace water lost due to use or evaporation only on the designated watering day.

A complete list of drought restrictions and detailed information on Drought Management (Rule 11) is available at:

<https://ccgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Drought-Stages-Chart-12-12-12.pdf>

For general information please visit the District's website www.ccgcd.org.