

# WATER WAYS



## WCID NO. 17 TO ASSESS DROUGHT FEE DURING WATER SHORTAGES

The WCID No. 17 Board of Directors approved the assessment of a drought fee when the local area is in moderate, severe and critical stages of drought. The move is in conjunction with the approved Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget and was recommended by experts as part of the District's 2024 water rate study.



While WCID No. 17 is currently in Stage 1 water restrictions, the fee would not be imposed until conditions on the Highland Lakes result in moving to Stage 2 or greater under the District's Drought Contingency Plan.

WCID No. 17 CEO & General Manager Jason Homan explained the rationale behind the fee saying, "While water restrictions are essential for conserving our most precious resource during times of drought, they also significantly reduce the utility's revenue. Our customers may not be aware but a majority of the District's operating costs are fixed, regardless of water sales. To ensure we can continue delivering safe and reliable drinking water, we must implement drought fees during these periods."

To learn more, please [CLICK HERE](#)

## WCID NO. 17 HOSTS PUBLIC TOURS OF MANSFIELD WATER TREATMENT PLANT

WCID No. 17 is offering public tours of our Mansfield Water Treatment Plant each quarter for our customers. We have enjoyed visiting with the participants who have joined us for the first two tours including a class of elementary students from a local school. Visitors age ten and older are welcome to learn more about our process to provide clean and safe drinking water for our community. Click to sign up: [www.wcid17.org/contact/](http://www.wcid17.org/contact/)



We hope you will join us to learn how we capture water from Lake Travis to process into clean, safe, and reliable drinking water. Please take a moment to watch the brief preview below.

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## STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT



WCID No. 17 remains in Stage 1 Water Restrictions as the combined storage of Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan is at 1,034,846. In Stage 1, twice per week watering is allowed, although most grass is dormant in the late fall and winter months so watering is probably not necessary at this time. We remind community members to practice conservation as the District will move to Stage 2 if the combined storage falls below 900,000 acre-feet, per our Drought Contingency Plan. For more details, please visit our [Conservation](#) page.

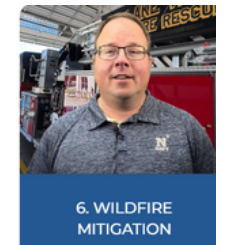
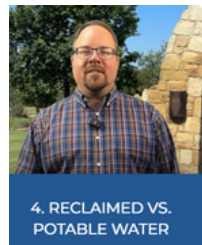
# FROM OUR CEO / GENERAL MANAGER

I'm Jason Homan, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of WCID No. 17.

WCID No. 17 proudly serves our community in a variety of ways, one of which is producing informative and timely videos for our customers. We are happy to collaborate with community partners in order to provide valuable information that can help customers save time, money and even lives! An example of this is our partnership with Lake Travis Fire Rescue in which we produced a video to show homeowners what they can do to ensure their homes are Fire Wise in order to keep their families safe.

Other videos include how to winterize your home, how to check your home's pressure regulating valve, and how drought-resistant landscape can be not only beautiful but also save water and money. For the entire compilation, please click [HERE](#).

Until next time, a friendly reminder to **Conserve Today to Preserve Tomorrow**.



## SAVE MONEY AND WATER DURING WASTEWATER AVERAGING



A friendly reminder that lawns are dormant November through February and it's the perfect time to perform wastewater averaging. We ask customers to turn off their automatic irrigation system to ensure they're only being charged for the water that flows through their home's system.

So, turn off those sprinklers and turn on the savings!



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