

Water Management Plan

In the next week LCRA expects to reach a new trigger point in our state-approved Water Management Plan, which calls for LCRA to ask its water customers to implement mandatory water-use restrictions under their drought contingency plans. This action is triggered when the combined amount of water stored in lakes Travis and Buchanan drops to 900,000 acre-feet.

Mandatory restrictions could include measures such as limiting car washing, pool filling and lawn watering to certain days and limiting the use of ornamental fountains.

LCRA's water management plan also calls for curtailment (or reduction) of water supplies to interruptible customers and reducing releases for environmental needs when the amount of water in lakes Travis and Buchanan drop below certain levels, or "trigger points."

LCRA will send all of its firm water customers a certified letter to officially notify them of water storage levels falling below 900,000 acre-feet. Notifications also will be sent to all customers with domestic use contracts, reminding them to conserve water and follow LCRA's twice-a-week watering restrictions.

We are also planning to remind lakeside residents that use of water from the lakes requires a contract with LCRA. Effective drought management will require a full accounting of water use and the equitable and comprehensive application of water use reduction measures.

Information on how to obtain a domestic use contract and watering schedule is available at <http://www.lcra.org/water/supply/contracts/index.html>.

The information above will be provided in a news release to the media next week and we'll continue to notify you and our customers as drought conditions change.