SECTION H. <u>DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN</u> <u>FOR</u> <u>MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP.</u> <u>MAY, 2014</u>

Section I: Declaration of Policy, Purpose, and Intent

In order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of water supply facilities, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection, and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety and minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortage or other water supply emergency conditions, MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. hereby adopts the following regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water.

Water uses regulated or prohibited under this Drought Contingency Plan (the Plan) are considered to be non-essential and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply condition are deemed to constitute a waste of water which subjects the offender(s) to penalties as defined in Section X of this plan.

Section II: Public Involvement

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation of the Plan was provided by MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. by means of properly posting an agenda according to Open Record/Meetings Act.

Section III: Public Education

MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. will periodically provide the public with information about the Plan, including information about the conditions under which each stage of the Plan is to be initiated or terminated and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage. This information will be provided by means of press releases or utility bill inserts. Also a copy of the Plan will be available for review by the public at the MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. office.

Section IV: Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups

The service area of MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. is located with the BRAZOS REGION G Water Planning area and MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. has provided a copy of this Plan to the BRAZOS REGION G office and TCEQ.

Section V: Authorization

The SYSTEM MANAGER is his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of this Plan upon determination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The SYSTEM MANAGER or his/her designee shall have the authority to initiate or terminate drought or other water supply emergency response measures as described in this Plan.

Section VI: Application

The provisions of this Plan shall apply to all persons, customers, and property utilizing water providing by the MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. The terms "person" and "customer" as used in the Plan include individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, and all other legal entities.

Section VII: Definitions

For the purposes of this Plan, the following definitions shall apply:

<u>Aesthetic water use:</u> Water use for ornamental or decorative purposes such as foundations, reflecting pools, and water gardens.

<u>Commercial and institutional water use:</u> Water use which is integral to the operations of commercial and non-profit establishments and governmental entities such as retail establishments, hotels and motels, restaurants, and office buildings.

<u>Conservation</u>: Those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss or waste of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a supply is conserved and made available for future or alternative uses.

<u>Customer:</u> Any person, company, or organization using water supplied by MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP.

<u>Domestic water use:</u> Water use for personal needs or for household or sanitary purposes such as drinking, bathing, heating, cooking, sanitation, or for cleaning a residence, business, industry, institution, or drip irrigation such as soaker hoses, or other low emitter devices.

<u>Industrial water use</u>: The use of water in processes designed to convert materials of lower value into forms having greater usability and value.

<u>Landscape irrigation use:</u> Water used for the irrigation and maintenance of landscaped areas, whether publicly or privately owned, including residential and commercial lawns, gardens, golf courses, parks, and right-of-way and medians.

<u>Non-essential water use</u>: Water uses that are not essential nor required for the protection of public, health, safety, and welfare, including:

- (a) irrigation of landscape areas, including parks, athletic fields, and golf courses, except otherwise provided under this Plan;
- (b) use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane, or other vehicle;
- (c) use of water to wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
- (d) use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
- (e) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
- (f) use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools or jacuzzi-type pools;

- (g) use of water in a fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life;
- (h) failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s); and
- (i) use of water from hydrants for construction purposes or any other purposes other than fire fighting.

<u>Plant:</u> The plant (#1,2,3,4 or 5) of which a customer receives their water from.

Section VIII: Criteria for Initiation and Termination of Drought Response Stages

The SYSTEM MANGER or his/her designee shall monitor water supply and/or demand conditions on a monthly basis and shall determine when conditions warrant initiation or termination of each stage of the Plan. Notification of the initiation or termination of drought response stages shall be by mail to each customer or means of publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

The triggering criteria described below are based on a comparison of the daily water demand to the capacity of the water system, and/or estimated yield of Lake Proctor and/or the triggering measures taken by City of Hamilton.

Stage 1 Triggers—MILD Water Shortage Conditions

Requirements for initiation

MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. will recognize that a mild water shortage condition exists when:

1. Daily water demand reaches <u>.500</u> mgd for <u>3</u> consecutive days.

Or

2. Pump hours reach $\underline{18}$ hrs per day for $\underline{3}$ consecutive days.

Or

3. Notification by the CITY OF HAMILTON that they have entered a Stage 1 mild water shortage condition or when water supply of Proctor Lake reaches 1157'.

Customers shall be requested to voluntarily conserve water and adhere to the prescribed restrictions on certain water uses, defined in Section IX, STAGE 1 of this PLAN.

Requirements for termination

Stage 1 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of $\underline{30}$ consecutive days.

Stage 2 Triggers – MODERATE Water Shortage Conditions

Requirements for initiation

MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. will recognize that a moderate water shortage condition exists when:

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- 1. Daily water demand reaches <u>.570</u> mgd for <u>3</u> consecutive days. Or
- 2. Pump hours reach <u>20</u> hours per day

Or

3. Notification by the CITY OF HAMILTON that they are in a moderate water shortage condition or when water supply of Proctor Lake reaches 1154'.

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses provided in Section IX, Stage 2 of this Plan.

Requirements for termination

Stage 2 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of $\underline{15}$ consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 2, Stage 1 become operative.

Stage 3 Triggers – CRITICAL

Requirements for initiation

MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. will recognize that a severe water shortage condition exists when:

1. Daily water demand reaches <u>.650</u>mgd for <u>3</u> consecutive days.

Or

2. Pump hours reach <u>22</u> hrs per day.

Or

3. Notification by the CITY OF HAMILTON that they are in a severe water shortage condition or when water supply of Proctor Lake reaches 1149'.

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses provided in Section IX, Stage 3 of this Plan.

Requirements for termination

Stage 3 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 30 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 3, Stage 2 become operative.

Stage 4 Triggers – EMERGENCY

Requirements for initiation

MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. will recognize that a critical water shortage condition exists when:

1. Daily water demand reaches <u>.750</u> mgd for <u>3</u> consecutive days.

Or

2. Pump hours reach $\underline{22}$ hrs per day.

Or

- 3. Notification by the CITY OF HAMILTON that they are in a critical water shortage condition or:
 - a. when water supply of Proctor Lake MSL reaches 20%, or
 - b. major water line breaks, or pump or system failures occur, which causes unpredictable loss of capability to provide water service or,
 - c. natural or manmade contamination of the water supply source.

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on non-essential water uses provided in Section IX, Stage 4 of this Plan.

Requirements for termination

Stage 4 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 30 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 4, Stage 3 becomes operative.

Section IX: Drought Response Stages

The SYSTEM MANAGER or his/her designee, shall monitor water supply and/or demand conditions on a daily basis and , in accordance with the triggering criteria set forth in Section VIII of this Plan, shall determine that a mild, moderate, critical, or emergency water shortage condition exists and shall implement the following procedures.

Notification

Notification of the Public:

The SYSTEM MANAGER or his/her designee shall notify the public by one or more of the following means.

- 1. Publication in the local newspapers.
- 2. Public service announcements on local TV and/or Radio Stations.
- 3. Notices sent with bills or individually as situations warrant.
- 4. Customers may be notified by telephone or in person if emergency conditions warrant.

Additional Notification:

The SYSTEM MANAGER or his/her designee shall notify directly, or cause to be notified directly, the following individuals and entities:

- 1. TCEQ when mandatory restrictions are imposed.
- 2. MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- 3. Fire Chiefs
- 4. Major Water Uses

Stage 1 Response – MILD Water Shortage Conditions

<u>Goal:</u> Achieve a voluntary <u>10</u> percent reduction in daily water demand.

Supply Management Measures:

Reduce flushing of water lines.

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to designated watering days, and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and 5 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system. Individuals irrigating from a water well, must place a sign on their property notifying that, "Irrigation is being done by Water Well."
- (b) Refrain from use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle except on designated watering days, and between the hours of 8:00p.m. until 12:00 midnight and 5:00a.m. until 8:00 a.m.. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- (c) Refrain from use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools except on designated watering days, and between the hours of 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.
- (d) Refrain from operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
- (e) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP.
- (f) Refrain from use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways except on designated watering days, and between the hours of 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.
- (g) All restaurants are requested to serve water to patrons only upon request of the patron.
- (h) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential should be refrained from:

- 1. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard surfaced areas;
- 2. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
- 3. use of water for dust control;
- 4. flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or roadway; and
- 5. failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

Stage 2 Response – Moderate

Goal: Achieve a 35 percent reduction in daily water demand.

<u>Water Use Restrictions</u>. All requirements of Stage 1 shall remain in effect during Stage 2 except:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be limited to designated watering days, and between the hours of 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, drip irrigation, or permanently installed automatic sprinkler system only. The use of hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times.
- (b) The watering of golf course tees is prohibited unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP.
- (c) The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued unless approved by the Board of Directors or their designee.

Stage 3 Response – CRITICAL Water Shortage Conditions

<u>Goal</u>: Achieve a <u>50</u> percent reduction in daily water demand.

<u>Water Use Restrictions</u>. All requirements of Stage 1 and 2 shall remain in effect during Stage 3 except:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas is absolutely prohibited.
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicles is absolutely prohibited.
- (c) The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and Jacuzzitype pools is prohibited.
- (d) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
- (e) No application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service

connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are herby suspended for such time as this drought response stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect, unless approved by the Board of Directors or their designee.

Stage 4 Response – EMERGENCY Water Shortage Conditions

Supply Management Measures:

- 1. Assess the severity of the problem and determine the actions needed and time required to solve the problem.
- 2. Take necessary actions such as repairs, water reduction, and clean up as needed.
- 3. Notify appropriate officials if necessary.
- 4. Notify water customers if water reduction becomes necessary.

<u>Water Use Restriction</u>. All requirements of Stage 2,3 and 4 shall remain in effect during Stage 5.

Response – WATER ALLOCATION

In the event that water shortage conditions threaten public health, safety, and welfare, or the need to conserve water, the SYSTEM MANAGER is hereby authorized to allocate water according to the following water allocation plan:

Single-Family Residential Customers

The allocation to residential water customers residing in a single-family dwelling shall be as follows:

Per Connection/Meter	Gallons per month
1	6,000

"Per Connection/Meter" means the residential premises served by the customer's meter.

Residential water customers shall pay the following surcharges:

 $\frac{\$25.00}{\$30.00}$ for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation. $\frac{\$30.00}{\$45.00}$ for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation. $\frac{\$45.00}{\$45.00}$ for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation. $\frac{\$60.00}{\$60}$ for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation. $\frac{1^{st}}{100}$ offense. Also a flow meter may be installed at the customer's expense. 3^{rd} offense water may be disconnected. Reconnection fee $\frac{\$400.00}{100}$

Surcharges shall be cumulative.

Master-Metered Multi-Family Residential Customers

The allocation to a customer billed from a master meter which jointly measures water to multiple permanent residential dwelling units (e.g., apartments, mobile homes) shall be allocated 6,000 gallons per month for each dwelling unit. It shall be assumed that such a customer's meter serves two dwelling units unless the customer notifies MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. of a greater number on a form prescribed by the SYSTEM MANAGER. The SYSTEM MANAGER shall give his/her best effort to see that such forms are mailed, otherwise provided, or made available to every such customer. If, however, a customer does not receive such a form, it shall be the customer's responsibility to go to the MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. offices to complete and sign the form claiming more than two (2) dwellings. A dwelling unit may be claimed under this provision whether it is occupied or not. New customers may claim more dwelling units at the time of applying for water service on the form prescribed by the SYSTEM MANAGER. If the number of dwelling units served by a master meter is reduced, the customer shall notify MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. in writing within two (2) days. In prescribing the method for claiming more than two (2) dwelling units, the SYSTEM MANAGER shall adopt methods to insure the accuracy of the claim. Any person who knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence falsely reports the number of dwelling units served by a master meter or fails to timely notify MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. of a reduction in the number of person in a household shall be fined not less than \$25.00. Customers billed from a master meter under this provision shall pay the following monthly surcharges:

<u>\$25.00</u> for 1,000 gallons over allocation up through 1,000 gallons for each dwelling unit. <u>\$30.00</u> thereafter, for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation up through a second

1,000 gallons for each dwelling unit.

- <u>\$45.00</u> thereafter, for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation up through a third 1,000 gallons for each dwelling unit.
- <u>\$45.00</u> thereafter for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation. 1st offense
- $\underline{\$60.00}$ for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation. 2nd offense. Also a flow meter may be installed at the customer's expense.

 3^{rd} offense, Water may be disconnected. Reconnection fee <u>\$400.00</u>

Surcharges shall be cumulative.

Commercial Customers

A monthly water allocation shall be established by the SYSTEM MANAGER, or his/her designee, for each nonresidential commercial customer other than an industrial customer who uses water for processing purposes. The non-residential customer's allocation shall be approximately <u>75</u> percent of the customer's usage for corresponding month's billing period for the previous 12 months. If the customer's billing history is shorter than 12 months, the monthly average for the period for which there is a record shall be used for any monthly period for which no history exists. Provided, however, a customer, <u>50</u> percent of whose monthly usage is less than <u>10,000</u> gallons, shall be allocated <u>7,500</u> gallons. The SYSTEM MANAGER shall give his/her best effort to see that notice of each non-residential customer's allocation is mailed to such customer. If, however, a customer does not receive such notice, it shall be the customer's responsibility to contact MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. to determine the

allocation. Upon request of the customer or at the initiative of the SYSTEM MANAGER, the allocation may be reduced or increased if, (1) the designated period does not accurately reflect the customer's normal water usage, (2) one nonresidential customer agrees to transfer part of its allocation to another nonresidential customer, or (3) other objective evidence demonstrates that the designated allocation is inaccurate under present conditions. A customer may appeal an allocation established hereunder to the SYSTEM MANAGER OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Nonresidential customers shall pay the following surcharges:

\$25.00 per thousand gallons for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation.
\$30.00 per thousand gallons for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation.
\$45.00 per thousand gallons for the third 1,000 gallons over allocation.
\$45.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation. 1st offense.
\$60.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation. 2nd offense. Also a flow meter may be installed at the customer's expense.
3rd offense, Water may be disconnected. Reconnection fee \$400.00

The surcharges shall be cumulative.

Industrial Customers

A monthly water allocation shall be established by the SYSTEM MANAGER, or his/her designee, for each industrial customer, which uses water for processing purposes. The industrial customer's allocation shall be approximately 90 percent of the customer's water usage baseline. Ninety (90) days after the initial imposition of the allocation for industrial customers, the industrial customer's allocation shall be further reduced to 85 percent of the customer's water usage baseline. The industrial customer's water use baseline will be computed on the average water use for the 12 month period ending prior to the date of implementation of Stage 2 of the Plan. If the industrial water customer's billing history is shorter than 12 months, the monthly average for the period for which there is a record shall be used for any monthly period for which no billing history exists. The SYSTEM MANGER shall give his/her best effort to see that notice of each industrial customer's allocation is mailed to such customer. If, however, a customer does not receive such notice, it shall be the customer's responsibility to contact MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. to determine the allocation, and the allocation shall be fully effective notwithstanding the lack of receipt of written notice. Upon request of the customer or at the initiative of the SYSTEM MANAGER, the allocation may be reduced or increased, (1) if the designated period does not accurately reflect the customer's normal water use because the customer had shutdown a major processing unit for repair or overhaul during the period, (2) the customer has added or is in the process of adding significant additional processing capacity, (3) the customer has shutdown or significantly reduced the production of a major processing unit, (4) the customer has previously implemented significant permanent water conservation measures such that the ability to further reduce water use is limited, (5) the customer agrees to transfer part of its allocation to another industrial customer, or (6) if other objective evidence demonstrates that the designated allocation is inaccurate under present conditions. A customer may appeal an allocation established hereunder to the SYSTEM MANAGER OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Industrial customer shall pat the following surcharges:

<u>\$25.00</u> per thousand gallons for the first 1,000 gallons over allocation. <u>\$30.00</u> per thousand gallons for the second 1,000 gallons over allocation. <u>\$45.00</u> per thousand gallons for the third 1,000 gallons over allocation. $\frac{$45.00}{60.00}$ for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation. 1st offense. $\frac{$60.00}{60.00}$ for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation. 2nd offense. Also, a flow meter may be installed at the customer's expense. 3rd offense, Water may be disconnected. Reconnection fee <u>\$400.00</u>

The surcharges shall be cumulative.

Section X: Enforcement

- (a) No person shall knowingly or intentionally allow the use of water from MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this Plan, or in an amount of excess of that permitted by the drought response stage in effect a the time pursuant to action taken by the SYSTEM MANAGER, or his/her designee, in accordance with provisions of this Plan.
- (b) Any person who violates this Plan will be subject to surcharges, installation of a flow meter (at the customer's expense), criminal charges, and /or termination. A flow meter may be installed on the 2nd offense at the customer's expense. Termination of services on the 3rd offense. If disconnected the reconnect fee will be <u>\$400.00</u>, plus any other costs incurred by MCWSC in discontinuing services. Before reconnection, the reconnect fee, any other costs, and any unpaid bills must be paid along with suitable assurance must be given to the SYSTEM MANAGER that the same action will not be repeated while the PLAN is in effect. Criminal charges may be filed on anyone who tampers with equipment or services, violates the provisions of this Plan, or misrepresents the amount of water used.
- (c) Any person, including a person classified as a water customer of MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. in apparent control of the property where a violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on the person's property shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the person in apparent control of the property committed the violation, but any such person shall have the right to show that he/she did not commit the violation. Parents shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of their minor children and proof that a violation, committed by a child, occurred on property within the parents' control shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the parent committed the violation, but an such parent may be excused if he/she proves that he/she had previously directed the child not to use the water as it was used in violation of this Plan and that the parent could not have reasonably know of the violation.
- (d) Any customer who has a water leak must make immediate repairs. Failure to make repairs may result in termination of services and/or criminal charges. If disconnected the reconnection fee will be <u>\$400.00</u>, Reconnection will only be allowed after the leak is repaired and the reconnection fee has been paid, plus any other cost incurred by MCWSC due to discontinuing of service.
- (e) Each day that one or more of the provisions in this PLAN is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Section XI: Variances

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The SYSTEM MANGER, or his/her designee, may, in writing, grant temporary variance for existing water uses otherwise prohibited under this Plan if it is determined that failure to grant such variance would cause an emergency condition adversely affecting the health, sanitation, or fire protection for the public or the person requesting such variance and if one or more of the following conditions are met:

- (a) Compliance with this Plan cannot be technically accomplished during the duration of the water supply shortage or other condition for which the Plan is in effect.
- (b) Alternative methods can be implemented which will achieve the same level of reduction in water use.

Persons requesting an exemption from the provisions of this Ordinance shall file a petition for variance with the SYSTEM MANGER within 5 days after the Plan or a particular drought response stage has been invoked. All petitions for variances shall be reviewed by the SYSTEM MANAGER, or his/her designee, and shall include the following:

- (a) Name and address of the petitioner(s).
- (b) Purpose of water use.
- (c) Specific provision(s) of the Plan for which the petitioner is requesting relief.
- (d) Detailed statement as to how the specific provision of the Plan adversely affects the petitioner or what damage or harm will occur to the petitioner or others if petitioner complies with this Ordinance.
- (e) Description of the relief requested.
- (f) Period of time for which the variance is sought.
- (g) Alternative water use restrictions or other measures the petitioner is taking or proposes to take to meet the intent of this Plan and the compliance date.
- (h) Other pertinent information.

Variances granted by MULTI COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORP. shall be subject to the following conditions, unless waived or modified by the SYSTEM MANAGER, or his/her designee:

- (a) Variances granted shall include a timetable for compliance.
- (b) Variances granted shall expire when the Plan is no longer in effect, unless the petitioner has failed to meet specified requirements.

No variance shall be retroactive or otherwise justify any violation of this Plan occurring prior to the issuance of the variance.

Section XII:

Revisions to this Plan may be made for any further or unforeseen problems or situations that may develop.

Section XIII:

This Drought Contingency Plan shall take effect immediately.

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