

Stage 3 Drought – SEVERE Water Shortage Conditions*
Triggers and Termination

Triggering and Terminating Criteria				
Initiate	WATER DEMAND for 3 Consecutive Days:	OR WATER SYSTEM for 1 day experiences:	OR WATER SUPPLY is:	AND GCWA requires municipal customers to reduce GCWA water by 20% or more of current usage
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equals or exceeds 90% of available contracted surface water supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inability to process and supply water due to main breaks or systemic failure • Failure of system from “acts of God” (tornados, hurricanes) or man • System wells operating at 90% of capacity to augment an inadequate supply of contracted surface water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient to meet demand • Storage levels cannot be maintained due to daily consumption 	
Terminate	When all conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for 7 consecutive days. Authorizing authority shall have discretion to terminate or move to a lower stage.			

* Assumes 4 drought stages:

Stage 1 Mild
Stage 2 Moderate

Stage 3 Severe
Stage 4 Emergency

