



UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL  
WATER DISTRICT

Water Conservation Plan

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**SECTION 1**

**Introduction**

Water supply is a key issue in the growth and development of communities in Texas. In recent years, the growing population and economic development of North Central Texas has led to increasing demands for water. Additional supplies to meet these demands will be both expensive and difficult to develop. Therefore, it is important that we make the most efficient use of existing supplies - - to prolong the need to develop new sources of supply.

Effective water conservation can prolong the need for development of new water supplies, minimize the associated environmental impacts, reduce the strain that high water demand places on existing infrastructure, and reduce the high cost of water supply development. Even with robust conservation measures, new sources of water will be needed; conservation and reuse alone are not enough. Therefore, to respond to the growing population of this region, the planning for new water resources must continue. Upper Trinity Regional Water District (“Upper Trinity”) considers water conservation (including reuse of reclaimed wastewater) an integral part of this planning and water supply development process.

Upper Trinity was created in 1989 by the Texas Legislature to provide treated water service on a wholesale basis to towns, cities, and other water utility providers. Currently, Upper Trinity provides wholesale treated water service to eighteen members and customers (serving twenty-four communities) in Denton and Collin Counties (herein “Customers”).

Recognizing the need for efficient use of existing water supplies, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) has promulgated guidelines and requirements governing the development of water conservation plans for Wholesale Public Water Suppliers. Upper Trinity developed its original plans for Water Conservation and for Drought Contingency in May 1993, later amended in March 2005, April 2009, September 2012, and May 2019. This update of the Water Conservation Plan (the “Plan”) has been coordinated with the suggested model water conservation plan prepared by Upper Trinity for Customers offering retail service; and, is consistent with the latest TCEQ requirements outlined below. This Plan also incorporates water conservation practices and strategies recommended by the Water Conservation Advisory Council (“Advisory Council”). The Advisory Council was created by the Texas Legislature in 2007 to foster basic and enhanced water conservation measures and practices for Wholesale Public Water Suppliers like Upper Trinity. Upper Trinity will continue to evaluate, and implement as appropriate, new or updated strategies adopted by the Advisory Council.

**Objectives**

Water is a basic tenant in all aspects of sustainability. Water conservation is one critical element of a utility’s effort to meet future water supply needs, in an economical manner and without sacrificing quality of life standards. The following are the central objectives of this Plan:

- Provide support to communities to maintain and continue sound conservation practices;
- Reduce water consumption from levels that would otherwise prevail without conservation efforts;

- Reduce the loss and waste of water, as evidenced by per capita water use;
- Continue to improve efficiency in the use of water;
- Encourage greater reuse of reclaimed wastewater in helping to sustain an adequate supply; and
- Extend the adequacy of current water supplies and existing water infrastructure by reducing peak and total demand for water.

In an effort to meet each of the above central objectives, Upper Trinity will provide leadership and technical assistance to its Customers in order to maximize water savings and water efficiency within its service area. Upper Trinity has a designated Conservation Coordinator to lead its regional water conservation program and to assist its Customers with implementation of their respective conservation strategies. Similarly, to coordinate and communicate consistent conservation strategies, Upper Trinity has created a work group within the Customer Advisory Council for the Regional Treated Water System to focus on water conservation matters. Upper Trinity also encourages each Customer to designate a staff member as its Conservation Coordinator with the responsibility for implementing and reporting on its water conservation program. Retail utilities with 3,300 or more connections are required to designate a Conservation Coordinator according to the Texas Water Code Sec. 13.146.

### **1.1 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Rules**

TCEQ rules governing the development of water conservation plans for Wholesale Public Water Suppliers are contained in Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter A, and Rule 288.5 of the Texas Administrative Code. Copies of these rules are included in Appendix A. The rules define a water conservation plan as:

“A strategy or combination of strategies for reducing the volume of water withdrawn from a water supply source, for reducing the loss or waste of water, for maintaining or improving the efficiency in the use of water, for increasing the recycling and reuse of water, and for preventing the pollution of water.”

#### **A. Basic Water Conservation Plan Requirements**

TCEQ requires that water conservation plans for Wholesale Public Water Suppliers, like Upper Trinity, include the following components:

- *Utility Profile:* Information regarding population and customer data, water use data, water supply system data, and wastewater system data. (Section 2)
- *Goals:* Specific quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings to include goals for water loss programs, in gallons per capita per day (GPCD). (Section 3)
- *Accurate Metering Devices:* TCEQ requires that metering devices have an accuracy of plus or minus five percent (5%) for measuring water diverted from the supply source. (Section 4.1)
- *Record Management System:* A system to record water delivered, water sold, and water lost. (Section 4.2)

- *Program for Leak Detection & Repair, and Water Loss Accounting:* A program to detect and repair leaks, and water loss accounting for the water storage, delivery, and distribution system. (Section 4.3)
- *Wholesale Customer Requirements:* A requirement that every water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of the water conservation plan, including any contract extension, include a provision that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement a water conservation plan with similar water conservation strategies to this Plan, including applicable elements of Title 30 TAC Chapter 288. (Section 4.4)
- *Reservoir Systems Operational Plan:* A requirement to provide a coordinated operational structure for operation of reservoirs owned by the water supply entity within a common watershed or river basin in order to optimize available water supplies. (Section 4.5)
- *Coordination with Regional Water Planning Group:* Document that the Plan has been coordinated with the Regional Water Planning Group to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plan. (Section 4.6)
- *Means of Implementation and Enforcement:* A strategy for implementing and enforcing the provisions of this Plan, as evidenced by an ordinance, resolution, or tariff, and a description of the authority by which the Plan is enforced. (Section 6)

#### B. Enhanced Water Conservation Strategies

TCEQ rules require that wholesale water suppliers select necessary additional conservation strategies, including any water conservation practices the wholesale water supplier shows to be appropriate for achieving its water conservation goals. Upper Trinity will also incorporate the following additional conservation strategies, as needed, to achieve the conservation goals stated in this Plan:

- *Program for Reuse and/or Recycling:* Upper Trinity has implemented a program of reclaiming and recycling treated wastewater effluent in order to further the efficient use of water. (Section 5.2)
- *Public Education Program:* Upper Trinity has implemented public education and outreach programs that include an informative school program, a literature program, special events and promotions program, a website and social media dedicated to water conservation, a public awareness program, and it provides speakers to various groups on conservation while coordinating with other North Texas water suppliers and Customers to promote water conservation. (Section 5.3)
- *Water Conserving Landscaping:* As part of its public education activities, Upper Trinity has implemented and fostered programs to support the conservative use of water in landscape by its Customers and their retail customers. (Section 5.4)
- *Landscape Water Management:* A strategy for implementing and achieving the efficient use and stewardship of water in landscape irrigation, including watering a maximum of two days per week and time-of-day watering provisions. (Section 5.5)
- *Enhanced Contract Language:* Upper Trinity will implement additional language in future contracts to continue to improve conservation and the efficient use of water. (Section 5.8)

- *Irrigation System Evaluations / Technical Assistance:* A program to provide irrigation system evaluations and technical assistance to Customers and their retail customers (residential, industrial, commercial, and institutional), if requested, regarding efficient and effective landscape watering practices. (Section 5.9)
- *ICI Program:* A facilities and processes audit program that will assist Customers and their retail industrial, commercial, and institutional (“ICI”) customers with audits of their facilities to explore the development of economical and practical water efficiency measures that will contribute to increased water conservation in their processes. (Section 5.10)

*Other Strategies:* Upper Trinity has developed model water conservation and drought contingency plans for use by its Customers (Section 5.15). In addition, Upper Trinity has a dedicated staff to lead its regional water conservation program and to assist Customers with implementation of their respective conservation strategies; and, has created a work group within Upper Trinity’s Customer Advisory Council. The Water Conservation Work Group meets regularly to coordinate and communicate consistent conservation strategies and to discuss other conservation related matters (Section 5.16). Upper Trinity will continue to encourage its Customer to incorporate applicable plumbing code standards for water-conserving fixtures (Section 5.1). Other strategies employed by Upper Trinity include pressure controls to maintain System integrity to avoid the loss of water (Section 5.5), watershed protection measures (Section 5.6), and establishing a means for measuring success in water conservation (Section 5.11).

Upper Trinity will continue to evaluate and implement water conservation strategies and practices that will further the conservation of its water supplies. This Plan sets forth a program of long-term strategies under which Upper Trinity can maintain and continue existing conservation results, plus improve the overall efficiency of water use and conserve its water resources. Shorter-term strategies that address specific water management conditions (i.e., periods of drought, unusually high water demands, unforeseen equipment or system failure, or contamination of water supply sources) are provided in Upper Trinity’s Drought Contingency Plan.

# SECTION 2

## Water Utility Profile

Upper Trinity’s Regional Treated Water System (“System”) provides services to its wholesale Customers through two water treatment plants (Thomas E. Taylor Water Treatment Plant in Lewisville, and the Tom Harpool Water Treatment Plant in Providence Village), and a system of pipelines and pump stations that deliver water to each Customer at specified points of delivery. The System does not include facilities “downstream” of such points of delivery (i.e., internal, retail distribution system). Upper Trinity currently obtains its raw water from Lewisville Lake, Ray Roberts Lake, Jim Chapman Lake and from the reuse of water imported from Jim Chapman Lake. A dependable supply of water from these sources is confirmed and enabled by various contractual agreements between Upper Trinity and the respective water rights holders.

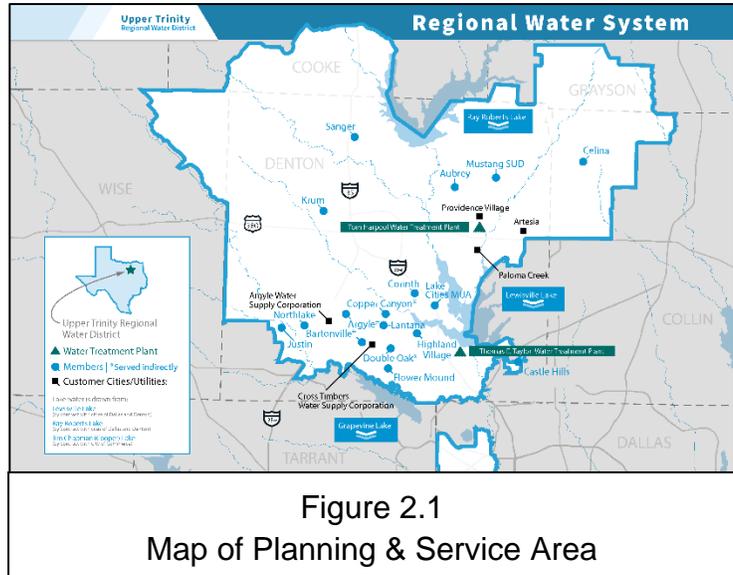
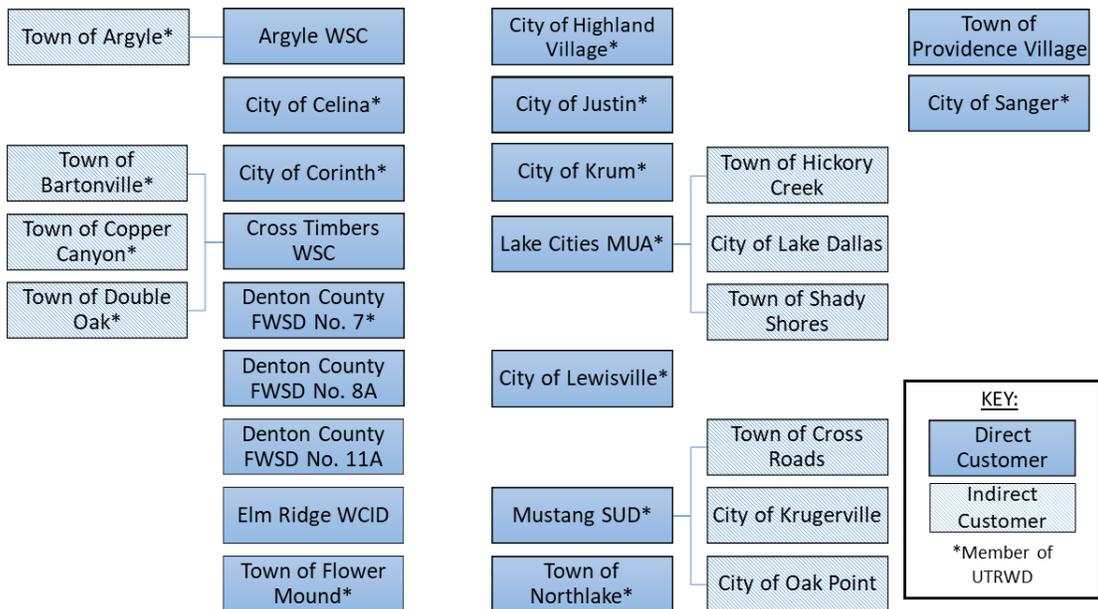


Figure 2.1  
Map of Planning & Service Area

Upper Trinity’s service area, as established by the Region C Water Planning Group, includes all communities currently served plus additional portions of Denton, Grayson, Wise and Cooke counties. See Figure 2.1 for a map of Upper Trinity’s service area.

Figure 2.2

### Upper Trinity Wholesale Water Customers



Using surface water supplies, Upper Trinity currently provides treated water service to eighteen Customers serving twenty-four communities in Denton and Collin Counties. Figure 2.2 lists both direct Customers of Upper Trinity and the other communities served indirectly.

Projections of water needs are based on dry-year demands and population growth anticipated by Customers, and reviewed and considered by Upper Trinity annually. Actual water usage will vary from year to year depending on climatic conditions, on growth and development within the service area and on various factors affecting retail customers within a Customer's residential, commercial, industrial and institutional customer categories. Upper Trinity's population projections and raw water demand projections for its planning area are included in the 2021 Region C Water Plan, and the 2022 State Water Plan.

Some Upper Trinity Customers use groundwater for a portion of their water supply. In Denton County, groundwater resources are very limited. The County has been included in a "Priority Groundwater Management Area" by the TCEQ; and, a groundwater conservation district has been created to manage and conserve groundwater resources within the County. One of the key purposes of Upper Trinity's regional water program is to avoid further draw-down of these limited groundwater resources, and to make surface water available as a more reliable and sustainable source for further growth in Upper Trinity's service area.

Appendix B of this Plan includes an updated water utility profile for Upper Trinity, based on the format recommended by TCEQ. The water utility profile includes additional information regarding population and Customer data, water use data, water supply system data, and wastewater system data.

## **SECTION 3**

### **Water Conservation Planning Goals**

As a wholesale water supplier, Upper Trinity does not have a direct relationship with retail customers who are the ultimate consumers of the treated water it provides to its Customers. Further, Upper Trinity doesn't have ordinance or policy power over such retail customers or their use of treated water supplied in wholesale transactions with Customers. As a result, and as noted in Section 4.4 and Section 5.7, Upper Trinity has limited control or influence over the use of water being purchased by its Customers. It's anticipated that Upper Trinity Customers will require increased supplies for their future growth and development, which may result in increases to historical municipal per capita use during and following periods of population growth. Reasons for such potential increases include:

- Upper Trinity's service area continues to transform from a historically rural to a primarily urban land use, causing some communities to experience an increase in per capita water use.
- Some Upper Trinity Customers will experience substantial population growth in future years, generating changes in commercial and economic activity. With a growing infrastructure of retail industrial, commercial, and institutional customers using water supplied by Upper Trinity to its wholesale Customers, increases in municipal per capita water use can be expected for these communities.

- The municipal per capita use for Upper Trinity’s System can be affected by changes in per capita use for its Customers. It can also be affected by how much water Upper Trinity is asked to supply to different communities with widely varying growth factors and water usage characteristics. Nonetheless, Upper Trinity’s water conservation efforts are expected to significantly influence per capita water use that could otherwise result from continued growth in its service area. Upper Trinity will make every effort to measure and quantify savings achieved through the programs it implements, and will encourage its Customers to measure savings from the programs they implement, as well.

Upper Trinity does, however, control the operation of its own water treatment and transmission system and can take direct action to maximize the water use efficiency of System operation. Upper Trinity adopts the following water conservation and efficiency goals within the System:

- Maintain the level of water loss in the System below five percent (5%) annually;
- Maintain a program of universal metering of Customers and regular meter calibration; and, meter replacement and repair;
- Maintain a program of leak detection and repair;
- Continue to utilize wastewater reuse as a major source of future water supply, to the maximum extent feasible;
- Continue to recycle wash-water from Upper Trinity water treatment plants, to the maximum extent feasible;
- Continue to implement other in-house water conservation efforts;
- Continue to raise public awareness of water conservation and encourage responsible public behavior through coordinated public education programs;
- Encourage landscape water management strategies on a routine basis to help instill good habits and responsible stewardship for water conservation;
- Maintain and promote a first-class demonstration program for water-smart practices in landscape and gardening;
- Expand public education about the need to protect water quality through a continuing program for watershed protection.

Upper Trinity completed an analysis of its historical water usage, as summarized in the Water Utility Profile included in Appendix B, and estimated water savings resulting from the implementation of this Plan. Based on this analysis, Upper Trinity has updated its 5-year and 10-year water use (in gallons per capita per day (GPCD)) and water loss goals as outlined in Table 3.1 below.

**Table 3.1  
Per Capita Water Use Goals**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Baseline<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>5- Year</b>	<b>10-Year</b>
		<b>2029</b>	<b>2034</b>
Total Per Capita Use (GPCD) <sup>1</sup>	185	160	155
Water Loss (GCPD) <sup>2</sup>	6	8	8
Water Loss (Percentage) <sup>3</sup>	3.4%	5%	5%

1. Total GPCD = (Total UTRWD Customer Use ÷ UTRWD Population Served) ÷ 365

2. Calculated as 5% of Baseline GPCD.

3. Goal to maintain UTRWD Water Loss Percentage below 5%.

4. Baseline is 2021 Region C for total per capita use without additional conservation or reuse, and 2018-2022 average for water loss per capita and water loss percent.

The above goals are based on the 2021 Region C Plan projection for 2030 of 185 GPCD. Region C estimates this baseline on the demand that would be expected during a hot, dry year, without additional conservation which allows Upper Trinity to evaluate the full benefit of its water conservation activities and their effectiveness at reducing water usage. In determining the updated 5-year and 10-year water conservation goals, Upper Trinity considered water savings resulting from water efficient plumbing codes (which includes replacing high flow toilets, showerheads, faucets and clothes washers to more efficient fixtures) based on information from the Texas Water Development Board. Additional water savings are expected from Upper Trinity implementing its mandatory two-day-per-week watering schedule. Water savings of 3% are estimated from the two-day-per-week watering schedule, which is based on an analysis of cities in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex in the 2021 Region C Plan. Upper Trinity expects a lower participation rate of the two-day-per-week watering restriction initially before achieving savings of 3% by 2034. Other elements of the Plan, including plans to be implemented by Upper Trinity's Customers are expected to yield additional savings. Table 3.2 below summarizes how Upper Trinity determined its 5-year and 10-year goals for municipal per capita water use.

**Table 3.2  
Summary of Goals Calculation**

	<b>5-Year Goal (GPCD)</b>	<b>10-Year Goal (GPCD)</b>
Region C Baseline	185	185
TWDB Plumbing Code Savings	12	13
Maximum Two Times per Week Watering Savings	3	5
Additional Conservation Measures, including Customers	10	12
<b>GPCD Goal</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>155</b>

The above table is based on a format provided by the Texas Water Development Board. To aid the water conservation planning around the state, the Texas Water Development Board has released its 'Municipal Water Conservation Planning Tool' (December 2018), with information on how to use the tool on their website. The Tool has pre-loaded data from past water use surveys submitted by many utilities, and a library of best management practices with potential water savings and cost estimates to implement. Upper Trinity will utilize the Tool when possible during future conservation planning efforts, and will encourage its Customers to utilize the tool when planning and tracking their water conservation activities.

## SECTION 4

### Basic Water Conservation Strategies

This section outlines Upper Trinity's basic water conservation program strategies that will be implemented to achieve and exceed the stated water conservation goals above.

#### 4.1 Accurate Supply Source Metering

Upper Trinity measures all raw water diversions using meters with an accuracy of plus or minus two percent (2%) in accordance with AWWA standards. Said meters are calibrated annually in accordance AWWA standards. When necessary, Upper Trinity will repair or replace meters not conforming to an accuracy of plus or minus two percent (2%).

#### 4.2 Monitoring and Record Management of Water Deliveries, Sales and Losses

Upper Trinity regularly monitors all water deliveries and sales to all Customers. All critical data, such as raw water conveyance to water treatment plants or to Customers, treated water pumped, and water loss is monitored on a regular basis. All water sources and water delivered to Customers is metered and recorded, as follows:

- Water delivered to all Customers is measured by individual meters with an accuracy of plus or minus two percent (2%) in accordance with AWWA standards, and in most cases with rate-of-flow controllers. Said meters are read monthly by Upper Trinity personnel, with the meter readings being used to invoice Customers. Meters are calibrated and tested annually, and as needed, in accordance with AWWA standards. Customers may witness the calibrations of these meters.
- Treated drinking water leaving the District's water treatment plants and pumping facilities is also measured by meters with a minimum accuracy of plus or minus two percent (2%).
- Upper Trinity monitors water loss in its treatment and transmission system to its Customers. (For Upper Trinity, water loss is defined as the amount of raw water diverted to or received at the treatment plants, less metered sales to Customers, less water used during the treatment process, and water used for line flushing and construction purposes.)

A goal of Upper Trinity's water conservation program is to maintain water loss below five percent (5%).

Upper Trinity encourages its Customers to consider implementing Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) within their retail distribution system, and several have already done so. The benefits of AMI include improved billing procedures, alerting retail customers to potential leaks, and greater customer service and satisfaction. Upper Trinity has information about AMI on its website, and can be provided upon request by Customers.

#### 4.3 Program for Leak Detection & Repair, and Water Loss Accounting

Upper Trinity's metering program for raw and treated water is described in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 above. As evidenced by a low level of water loss, Upper Trinity has an effective program to control, detect and repair leaks:

- In most projects, Upper Trinity's water pipelines consist of ductile iron pipe, reinforced

concrete cylinder pipe, or steel cylinder pipe with an internal protective liner and an external protective coating and/or polywrap. Because of the multi layers of material, these pipelines have very long service lives and are not subject to excessive leaks.

- Most joints in Upper Trinity pipelines are designed with bell and spigot joint construction, including a rubber gasket. Some joints are welded. For larger lines other than ductile iron, each joint is also coated with grout for corrosion protection.
- All Upper Trinity pipelines are constructed in legally defined and identified rights-of-way, properly registered with authorities in each county. Most are in exclusive rights of way on private property, protecting the pipelines from possible damage by a third party.
- Upper Trinity routinely inspects its facilities and pipelines for leaks or mechanical problems using the latest industry technology. For example, Upper Trinity has recently used SmartBall technology to inspect and record the condition of the interior of the pipe. Repairs are undertaken as soon as practicable in order to minimize waste.
- Upper Trinity operates a program for identification of construction projects adjacent to Upper Trinity facilities and pipelines in order to minimize leaks caused by pipeline damage during construction.
- Upper Trinity's metering program allows comparison of metered flows in the System with metered deliveries to Customers, which can be used to identify leaks.
- Upper Trinity's regular monitoring of water loss provides a further check for problems in the transmission system.

#### **4.4 Requirement for Water Conservation Plans by Wholesale Customers**

Contracts for the wholesale purchase of water by Upper Trinity Customers provide that the wholesale Customer will develop water conservation and an emergency water demand management plan appropriate and adequate for local conditions and circumstances. These plans are subject to review and approval by Upper Trinity. Any new contract for wholesale water service entered and any renewed or extended contract with a Customer after the adoption of this Plan will require the Customer to adopt similar water conservation strategies as outlined in this Plan, and providing enforcement thereof. In addition, each Customer has agreed to coordinate with Upper Trinity the implementation of any action to limit or curtail water supplies to minimize adverse impact on Upper Trinity's water system operations, and on adequacy of service, and to promote public understanding of the need for and terms of such limitation or curtailment.

Current wholesale contracts utilized by Upper Trinity include some version of the following provisions:

*It is the policy of the District to prepare, adopt, and maintain a regional water conservation plan which incorporates loss reduction measures and demand management practices to insure that the System's available water supply is conserved and used in an economically efficient and environmentally sensitive manner. Similarly, it is the policy of the District to prepare, adopt and maintain a drought and emergency contingency plan to protect and maintain an adequate water supply to Customer needs. Each Customer agrees to cooperate fully in the implementation of the District's water conservation, drought, and emergency contingency plans related to the District's wholesale service. Further, in coordination with the District's plans, Customer agrees to adopt and enforce the District's*

*plans or plans that are substantially similar thereto related to Customer's retail service within its jurisdiction. Customer may be required by State or Federal agencies to implement a water conservation plan. The District reserves the right to require the Customer to implement water conservation and drought contingency plans that will result in the highest practical levels of water conservation and efficiency achievable with the Customer's physical and regulatory jurisdiction. The Customer's water conservation and drought contingency plans are subject to approval by District.*

Towns and cities have ordinance powers and greater capability to manage and enforce their own water conservation programs, as compared to a wholesale water supplier, such as Upper Trinity. Thus, in order to encourage local initiative and to respond to the diversity of powers, needs, and circumstances, Upper Trinity allows each Customer to develop its own conservation program, but Upper Trinity's contracts allow for its approval of such programs. To assist its Customers, Upper Trinity provides a model water conservation plan for all wholesale customers to use in developing their own water conservation plans.

#### **4.5 Reservoir System Operation Plan**

Upper Trinity currently purchases raw water from the City of Dallas and City of Denton out of Lewisville Lake and Ray Roberts Lake. In addition, Upper Trinity has a contract for up to 14.4 million gallons of raw water per day from Jim Chapman Lake in the Sulphur River Basin. Further, Upper Trinity has received a permit from TCEQ for the reuse of raw water being imported to the Trinity River Basin, treated to potable water standards, utilized by its Customers, returned to state streams via effluent discharges, and then diverted by Upper Trinity for a second treatment, delivery, and use by its Customers.

Water from Jim Chapman Lake is pumped by pipeline to Lewisville Lake. Treated wastewater effluent from Upper Trinity's four (4) water reclamation facilities and from treatment plants operated by certain Customers is returned to the Lewisville Lake watershed. Upper Trinity relies on the Cities of Dallas and Denton (and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers) for the operation of Lewisville Lake and Ray Roberts Lake. In addition, the water rights holders of Jim Chapman Lake have developed a water supply operating plan which allows for overdrafting of the reservoir when it is relatively full and also protects the firm annual yield of the reservoir should the drought of record occur. Upper Trinity manages its use of water from these four sources (Lewisville Lake, Ray Roberts Lake, Jim Chapman Lake and from Reuse) on a system-wide basis to make maximum use of the most efficient or most available source.

#### **4.6 Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups**

Appendix C includes a copy of a letter sent to the Chair of Region C Water Planning group to coordinate Upper Trinity's updated Plan with Region C. In addition, copies of the updated adopted Plan have been provided to the Executive Director of TCEQ and the Executive Administrator of the TWDB.

## **SECTION 5**

### **Enhanced Water Conservation Strategies**

This section outlines enhanced water conservation strategies that Upper Trinity will include as part of its water conservation program.

### **5.1 Ordinances, Plumbing Codes or Rules on Water-Conserving Fixtures**

The State of Texas has required water-conserving fixtures in new construction and renovations since 1992, with standards updated in 2010 (Texas Administrative Code, Title 30, Section 290.252). The State's standards call for flows of no more than 2.2 gallons per minute (gpm) at a pressure of 60 pounds per square inch (psi) for faucets, 2.5 gpm for showerheads at 80 psi, 1.28 gallons per flush for toilets, 0.5 gallons per flush for urinals, and 1.6 gpm for commercial pre-rinse spray valves. Similar standards are now required nationally under federal law. These state and federal standards assure that all new construction and renovations will use water-conserving fixtures. Upper Trinity encourages its Customers to incorporate these plumbing code standards into its building regulations.

Upper Trinity also encourages its Customers to evaluate the feasibility and merits of an optional rebate program to encourage replacement of older fixtures with water conserving fixtures. A rebate program may include one or more of the following concepts:

- High-efficiency toilet replacement and rebate;
- Pressure reduction in the system or for individual customers;
- High-efficiency showerhead and sink aerators replacement;
- High-efficiency clothes washer rebates; or
- Other indoor water conservation incentive programs.

### **5.2 Reuse and Recycling of Reclaimed Wastewater**

Upper Trinity has completed construction of four (4) regional water reclamation facilities with a total treatment capacity of 15.5 million gallons per day. These regional facilities provide wastewater treatment services to fourteen (14) municipalities and five (5) special districts. Reuse is practiced on one plant site for service water and irrigation of landscape.

Upper Trinity has constructed facilities and sells treated wastewater effluent to one of its Customers for indirect reuse for golf course irrigation. Upper Trinity continues to advocate for additional opportunities, where feasible, to expand recycle and reuse markets.

Upper Trinity reuses up to 60% of the water it diverts from Jim Chapman Lake pursuant to a TCEQ reuse permit. The reuse permit is for a single reuse and pass-through cycle of the water imported from Jim Chapman Lake in the Sulphur River Basin. An extensive daily accounting system provides for management of this reuse project.

### **5.3 Public Education Program**

As a regional wholesale water supplier, Upper Trinity does not interact directly with retail utility water customers at whom typical water conservation public education efforts are aimed. However, Upper Trinity's public education program is intended to assist and supplement the public education efforts of its Customers.

The ultimate success of any water conservation program is dependent on an informed public. The individual retail customers must have an awareness of the benefits and needs for water conservation. They must also have knowledge of how to contribute to the success of the Plan. Upper Trinity's public education and information program, including dedicated staff for this program, is designed in cooperation with Customers to provide information to as many of the

Customers' retail customers as possible. The elements of Upper Trinity's education program are described below.

- *Informative School Program.* Educational tours of Upper Trinity's water treatment plants and demonstration garden are available, promoting water conservation and water quality protection. Also, water conservation is demonstrated to students using an EnviroScape watershed model. This model provides hands-on interaction to show at least twenty different ways of protecting and conserving water. Additional "stations" that Upper Trinity may use during a tour include a stream erosion trailer and a rainfall simulator to demonstrate watershed protection principles that can protect water quality in local reservoirs. Upper Trinity hosts approximately 200 – 300 students every year. Upper Trinity partnered with the University of North Texas to develop three TEKS-aligned lesson plans about stream erosion, assessing water quality by stream macroinvertebrates, and the difference in water usage by native and non-native plants. The lesson plans are free resources and are accompanied by videos that are hosted on Upper Trinity's YouTube channel. Additional educational opportunities may include classroom presentations, curriculum aids and materials, and teacher workshops.
- *Literature Program.* As part of its water conservation literature program, brochures are designed to educate the public on various water conservation methods. Upper Trinity will make available water conservation brochures covering the following topics:
  - Saving water outdoors,
  - Saving water indoors,
  - Use of native plants and wildflowers in low water-use landscaping,
  - Efficient irrigation methods,
  - Retrofitting existing structures with high efficiency showerheads and high efficiency toilets.

Upper Trinity partnered with the AgriLife Center in Dallas to produce a new publication, "*Water Efficient Lawn and Garden Care for North Texas*", to educate the public on soil improvement, how to select and care for native plants, and how to maintain irrigation components and efficient irrigation methods. This publication is available for free on Upper Trinity's website and hard copies are provided to Customers and to residents at special events.

- *Special Events and Promotions.* For special events sponsored by Customers, Upper Trinity makes available water conservation promotional items such as Texas Smartscape bookmarks, toilet-leak test kits, Upper Trinity water bottles, water conservation booklets, T-shirts, pet waste bag holders, etc. Upper Trinity also hosts special events focused on conserving water in the landscape and on protecting water quality.
- *Website and Social Media.* Upper Trinity has included a section on its website dedicated to water conservation. Conservation publications, videos, and links to other resources are also available online. Upper Trinity has Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter) pages, and a YouTube channel, where water conservation and watershed protection information are provided as well.

- *Speaking Engagements.* Speakers and presentations are available from Upper Trinity, which promote water conservation tips to environmental groups, garden clubs, senior citizen centers, youth groups, civic groups, and other citizen and professional groups. Upper Trinity hosts its own online classes that cover a variety of topics, such as soil and plant care, pollinator gardening, efficient irrigation methods and smart irrigation technology.
- *Public Awareness Campaign.* Upper Trinity will promote the importance of conservation by placing public service announcements and advertisements on radio, television, streaming services, digital billboards, and websites or by promoting newspaper articles and advertisements in newspapers with general circulation in the service area. In accomplishing this strategy, Upper Trinity may partner with other entities to promote a regional conservation message on radio, television and other media. In 2022, Upper Trinity began the “Water Less Y’all” awareness campaign to capture the attention of residents utilizing Texan sayings to help encourage water-savings actions. The campaign has a dedicated webpage at [WaterLessYall.com](http://WaterLessYall.com).
- *Regional Cooperation.* Upper Trinity will continue to coordinate with other North Texas water suppliers and Customers to benefit all entities in promoting water conservation. Upper Trinity will coordinate with the City of Dallas, North Texas Municipal Water District, and the Tarrant Regional Water District to plan and host the annual North Texas Water Conservation Symposium.
- *Memberships.* Upper Trinity maintains memberships with the Alliance for Water Efficiency, as a Texas Water Development Board ‘WaterIQ’ Partner, and as an EPA WaterSense Promotional Partner. These memberships allow Upper Trinity to utilize resources from these organizations in its Public Education and Outreach efforts.

Below is a sample list of Education and Outreach activities Upper Trinity has conducted (2019 - 2023). Upper Trinity, in coordination and partnership with its Customers, will continue to explore opportunities for additional activities.

## 2019 - 2023 OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	AUDIENCE
Informative School Program	Upper Trinity hosts tours for groups ranging from 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade to college students. Staff discuss water conservation and watershed protection principles using demonstrations, such as an Enviroscape watershed model, rainfall simulator, stream erosion trailer, Conservation Garden, and water treatment plant. Staff are also available for classroom presentations. University of North Texas created three (3) lesson plans for Upper Trinity that are available for download.	Students ranging from 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade to college.
Special Events	Upper Trinity sponsors booths at community events sponsored by Customers and Members. Such events include the Flower Mound Independence Fest, Celina Splash and Blast, Corinth Pumpkin Palooza, and Lantana Earth Day.	Residents, children and other attendees of events

Website and Social Media	Upper Trinity is active on the various social media platforms, including native content; and, shares/boosts other related material from partnering agencies. Upper Trinity has a growing web presence through its main website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.	Residents and other interested stakeholders
Speaking Engagements	Upper Trinity Staff are available for water conservation and watershed protection presentations for groups. Upper Trinity also hosts its own online classes covering a variety of topics for residents.	Garden clubs, civic groups, Utility meetings, Environmental clubs
Public Awareness Campaign	Promote water conservation and watershed protection principles and websites by a variety of avenues.	Digital advertising, billboards, print articles and advertisements

#### 5.4 Water Conserving Landscaping

As part of its public education program, Upper Trinity has a Water Wise Demonstration Garden (located at its headquarters in Lewisville, TX) employing **Texas SmartScape®** principles. **Texas SmartScape** was developed in cooperation with cities, utilities and other agencies, including Upper Trinity, to educate citizens on the ecological, economic and aesthetic benefit of using landscape plants, shrubs, grasses and trees that are native or adapted to the regional climate and local conditions.

The goal of the Water Wise Garden is to demonstrate that outdoor landscapes can be both practical and beautiful, using earth-friendly techniques that conserve water resources and protect water quality. Upper Trinity encourages each Customer to use the Water Wise Garden to demonstrate how to conserve water in landscape practice. Further, the Water Wise Garden is available to garden clubs, developers, and customers throughout the North Texas region to advance public knowledge of water conservation in home and business landscapes. Throughout the year, the Water Wise Garden is used to promote water conservation and watershed protection during public education tours.

Upper Trinity encourages Customers and residents to use the Denton County Master Gardeners website to help plan their own landscape with native and adaptive plants. The Master Gardeners also teach classes on gardening and landscaping throughout the County which are free to attend. In 2022 and 2023, Upper Trinity partnered with the Master Gardeners to host a one-day in-person event, known as “Fall into Gardening”, to provide information on gardening, landscaping, and rainwater harvesting with water conservation principles in mind. The Master Gardeners and Upper Trinity will continue to host this event annually. The Master Gardeners website is <https://www.dcmga.com/>.

#### 5.5 Landscape Water Management

To promote the efficient use and stewardship of water and to provide a consistent message throughout Upper Trinity’s service area, Upper Trinity requires each Customer to implement and enforce the following mandatory landscape water management strategies into their respective water conservation plans:

- *Watering Maximum of Two Days per Week.* Limit outdoor watering (automatic systems or hose-end sprinklers) to no more than two (2) days per week. Watering with hand-held

hoses, soaker hoses or drip irrigation is allowed any time. Each Customer is encouraged to implement and enforce a watering schedule for its retail customers to manage and reduce peak water demands. For example, properties with even addresses can irrigate on Monday and Thursday, and odd addresses can irrigate on Tuesdays and Fridays. The individual Customer will set their own schedule.

- *Time of Day Watering.* No outdoor watering with automatic irrigation systems or hose-end sprinklers from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm any day of the year. Watering with hand-held hoses, soaker hoses, or drip irrigation systems is allowed anytime.
- *Water Waste.* Prohibit the design, installation, and operation of irrigation systems that spray directly onto impervious surfaces such as sidewalks and roads or onto other non-irrigated areas. Require well maintained automatic irrigation systems to avoid waste of water, such as repairing broken sprinkler heads, or leaking or broken valves or pipes. Prohibit outdoor watering during any form of precipitation and during freezing temperatures, and, overwatering resulting in water runoff of 50 feet or more from the property.

The level of enforcement of these strategies can be determined by the individual utility as to what is appropriate and feasible for their service area. Upper Trinity provides examples of enforcement procedures and penalties with the Model Water Conservation Plan.

Additional voluntary strategies that may be adopted to reduce waste in landscape irrigation include, but are not limited to:

- Require all new irrigation systems include rain and freeze sensors;
- Require all new irrigation systems be in compliance with state design and installation standards (TAC Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 344);
- Require all non-residential retail customers (with certain exemptions) to have their irrigation systems inspected and repairs and/or adjustments made by a licensed irrigator every three (3) years.

Each Customer will be responsible for implementing, communicating, and enforcing these landscape water management strategies within its respective jurisdictions. Ensuring that irrigation systems are properly designed and installed will maximize water efficiency during operation.

Upper Trinity also encourages its Customers to evaluate the feasibility and merits of an optional rebate program to encourage greater efficiency in outdoor irrigation systems. A rebate program may include one or more of the following concepts:

- Rain/freeze sensors for irrigation systems;
- Smart controllers for irrigation systems;
- Other outdoor water conservation incentive programs.

Recognizing that the goal of these strategies is to help instill good habits for conservation of water - - not to be punitive - - each Customer shall have maximum flexibility in administering same. Unless a drought contingency stage is in effect, Customers will be encouraged to allow each retail customer to select the two most convenient days of each week for outdoor watering.

These strategies are intended to be actively promoted by the Customers through public

information programs for mandatory compliance by their respective retail customers. Upper Trinity will include these strategies as part of its regional public information program and within its model water conservation plan for use by Customers.

In 2015, Upper Trinity partnered with Texas A&M AgriLife to implement the 'Water My Yard' outdoor watering management program to Upper Trinity's service area. The 'Water My Yard' website, WaterMyYard.org, and smartphone app, allows residents to receive weekly lawn watering recommendations, which are given in minutes. Recommendations are based on data from three weather stations that Upper Trinity has installed in its service area, as well as the landscape's needs, to prevent unnecessary overwatering. 'Water My Yard' is provided at no cost to Customers and residents, and Upper Trinity encourages Customers to promote 'Water My Yard' to their respective retail customers. There are over 7,000 subscribers to 'Water My Yard' in Upper Trinity's service area.

### **5.6 Pressure Control to Maintain System Integrity**

Upper Trinity installs all necessary pressure control stations to deliver water into each Customer's storage tank. Whenever feasible, Upper Trinity conserves energy by minimizing surplus pressure (head) available at the delivery point to the Customer. Upper Trinity encourages each Customer to determine a reasonable system pressure for each pressure zone in its retail distribution system, install internal pressure control stations where necessary, or install customer service pressure regulators where needed.

### **5.7 Watershed Protection**

Protecting our watershed is a priority need for every citizen and every community. As a double benefit, strategies that promote water conservation also tend to protect the quality of water resources. Using earth-friendly techniques, such as native and adaptive plant materials and organic techniques for landscaped areas, requires less water and less use of fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals. Overuse or improper use of fertilizer, pesticides and other chemicals from landscape activities is also a major source of pollutants that find their way into water resources. Upper Trinity has developed a coordinated program for watershed protection aimed at educating the public about protecting local watersheds and water quality. To help communicate the important role that watersheds have in the water supply for this region, Upper Trinity has created a watershed logo and sign. These signs are placed along roadways in Upper Trinity's service area as a constant reminder that we need to keep the watersheds clean.

In 2015, Upper Trinity partnered with Denton County and the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust to develop the Denton County Greenbelt Plan ("Greenbelt Plan"). The Greenbelt Plan identifies greenbelt corridors (the vegetated areas along creeks, rivers and lakes) that are in need of preservation in order to protect water quality in the three major water supply reservoirs in Denton County. The Greenbelt Plan serves as a guide for municipalities, developers, landowners and others and outlines strategies that can be used to protect and preserve greenbelts in their respective areas. The Greenbelt Plan is voluntary in nature and can be implemented according to the needs of the stakeholders adopting the Greenbelt Plan. The Greenbelt Plan Sponsors continue to encourage the implementation of the Greenbelt Plan throughout the County and the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust established a grant program to provide funding for the implementation of projects that support the goals of the Greenbelt Plan.

### **5.8 Enhanced Contract Provisions**

All basic contract provisions identified in Section 4.4 will be incorporated into future wholesale water supply contracts. Amendments to wholesale water supply contracts entered into after the adoption of this Plan, including any contract extension or renewal, will require Customers to

include strategies included within this Plan into their own water conservation plans. These provisions, coupled with Upper Trinity's prohibition on the subsequent resale of water on a wholesale basis without prior written approval of Upper Trinity, will enable Upper Trinity to achieve the objectives of this Plan.

### **5.9 Irrigation System Evaluations / Technical Assistance**

To improve water conservation and efficiency in landscape watering practices, Upper Trinity will, if requested, provide technical assistance and training to Customers and their retail customers (residential, industrial, commercial and institutional). The assistance provided to the Customers could include actual evaluation of the retail customers irrigation system; or, as an alternative, Upper Trinity could offer a training program to its Customers to enable them to perform said irrigation system evaluations.

Beginning in 2017, Upper Trinity began a residential irrigation system evaluation program that is promoted mainly through Customer cities and utilities. Evaluations are paid for by Upper Trinity and at no-charge to residents. A typical evaluation includes identification of potential system leaks, diagnosis of equipment malfunctions, and recommendations for equipment upgrades and controller settings to enhance water efficiency. During the evaluation, education about good landscape watering practices and the use of earth-friendly materials is shared with the retail customer. Pre and post surveys have shown an increase in knowledge among residents for the maintenance and operation of their irrigation systems. Upper Trinity conducts up to 400 evaluations every year.

In 2019, Upper Trinity joined the Tarrant Regional Water District and Tarrant and Denton County AgriLife programs in hosting a Green Pros program, to provide education to irrigation and landscape professionals. The program is a 5-part series with topics such as water efficient landscaping, green stormwater infrastructure, and irrigation technology. Once completed, the participants are recognized as Green Professionals with their company information listed on the 'Save Tarrant Water' website as a resource for homeowners looking for companies to use for their irrigation systems and landscapes.

### **5.10 Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) Audits**

Upper Trinity, in coordination with its Customers, will offer an outreach program to assist large water users in finding ways to operate more efficiently, save water and energy, and lower their costs. Water savings are realized as the ICI customers implement audit recommendations. In addition to these audits, Upper Trinity would publicly recognize those ICI customers who have implemented said recommendations and have taken proactive steps in using water more wisely and efficiently.

In 2018, the Denton County Commissioners Court entered into an agreement to make the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing program available to non-residential property owners. The PACE program provides low cost, long-term financing for energy and water efficiency upgrades for commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family properties. Upper Trinity will promote this in ICI outreach efforts that are conducted.

### **5.11 Annual Reports**

An important element of Upper Trinity's model water conservation plan is for Customers to provide a copy of its annual conservation report to Upper Trinity at the same time it submits the report to TCEQ. Upper Trinity will compile these reports and use the information to help generate its own annual water conservation report. Upper Trinity's report will be used to review the effectiveness of its water conservation program and will be shared with Upper Trinity's Board and the Water Conservation Committee.

### **5.12 Means for Measuring Success**

Upper Trinity will make every effort to measure and quantify water savings achieved through its programs and will encourage Customers to measure and quantify savings from their respective programs. The water saving results from Upper Trinity and its Customers will be regularly reported to the Region C Water Planning Group to incorporate in the State Water Plan. Upper Trinity, with assistance from an outside consultant, created a model to estimate water savings based on the Conservation Plan. The model has shown that Upper Trinity reduced water usage during years of no drought conditions, and even more so during Stage 1 drought restrictions. The model will be used annually to estimate water savings for Upper Trinity's annual water conservation report to the Texas Water Development Board. Upper Trinity also encourages its Customers to utilize the Texas Water Development Board 'Municipal Water Conservation Planning Tool' to estimate water savings for their respective utilities.

### **5.13 Water Rate Surcharge**

Upper Trinity has a conservation-oriented water rate surcharge as part of its rate structure for Customers. The rate structure for wholesale treated water service is two-part, based on demand and volume. The conservation-oriented surcharge takes effect when the actual volume of water sold during the months of June through September exceed the volume of water budgeted for the same time period by more than 5%. The surcharge rate is established annually by Upper Trinity's Board of Directors.

### **5.14 Recycle Water from Water Treatment Plants**

The wash water from filter washing, ozone treatment and sludge removal from Upper Trinity's water treatment process are pumped into lagoons for recycling. After settling of solids, suitable water is decanted from the lagoons and recycled to the head of the water treatment plant for treatment. This saves water and contributes to Upper Trinity's control of water loss in treatment and transmission.

### **5.15 In-House Water Conservation Efforts**

Upper Trinity has implemented an in-house water conservation program, including the following elements:

- Upper Trinity uses native or adapted drought tolerant plants, trees, and shrubs in the majority of its landscapes;
- Irrigation at Upper Trinity facilities occurs during off-peak times at night and early morning to avoid evaporation losses;
- Irrigation will be limited to the amount needed to promote survival and health of plants and lawns, including limitation on frequency and time-of-day watering (see Section 5.4);
- Irrigation will be avoided on Saturday and Sunday if possible, since these are periods of high water use by the public;
- Irrigation will be accomplished with treated wastewater effluent wherever feasible and practicable.

### **5.16 Model Water Conservation Plan for Upper Trinity Customers**

Upper Trinity has developed two key documents as part of its water conservation strategies: (1) a *Model Water Conservation Plan*; and, (2) a *Model Drought Contingency Plan*. These model plans are valuable aids to Customers in developing their own water conservation and drought contingency plans to mirror Upper Trinity's Water Conservation Plan and to provide for consistency and clarity throughout Upper Trinity's service area.

A. The *Model Water Conservation Plan* addresses TCEQ Ch. 288 requirements for water

conservation for municipal use by Public Water Suppliers. Upper Trinity will work with its Customers in developing or updating their individual water conservation plans using the following requirements:

- *Utility Profile:* Information regarding population and customer data, water use data, water supply system data, and wastewater system data.
- *Record Management System:* A system to record water pumped, water deliveries, water sales and water losses which allows for the desegregation of water sales and uses into user classes (residential, commercial, public and institutional, and industrial).
- *Goals:* Specific quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings to include goals for water loss programs and goals for municipal use, in gallons per capita per day (GPCD). The goals established by a Public Water Supplier are not enforceable under this subparagraph.
- *Accurate Metering Devices:* TCEQ requires that metering devices have an accuracy of plus or minus five percent (5%) for measuring water diverted from the source of supply.
- *Universal Metering, Testing, Repair and Replacement:* A program for universal metering of both customer and public uses of water, for meter testing and repair, and for periodic meter replacement. Upper Trinity encourages its Customers to evaluate the costs and benefits of Advanced Metering Infrastructure to determine if it is a feasible part of their conservation efforts.
- *Determination and Control of Water Loss:* Specific measures to determine and control water loss below 15%. The measures may include periodic visual inspections along distribution pipelines, periodic audits of the water system for illegal connections or abandoned services.
- *Public Education Program:* A public education and information program regarding water conservation is required as part of the water conservation plan.
- *Non-Promotional Water Rate Structure:* Chapter 288 requires a water rate structure that is not “promotional”; that is, rates that discourage waste and excessive use of water, such as increasing block rate instead of volume discounts.
- *Landscape Water Management Strategy:* A strategy for implementing and enforcing the efficient use and stewardship of water in landscape irrigation, including a mandatory provision to water a maximum of two days per week; and, including a year-round time-of-day watering provision.
- *Water Conservation Coordinator:* The Conservation Coordinator is responsible for the preparation, implementation and enforcement of water conservation and drought contingency plans, as well as the preparation and submittal of annual conservation status reports and implementation of each entity’s conservation program.
- *Reservoir Systems Operational Plan:* If applicable, this requirement is to provide a coordinated operational structure for operation of reservoirs owned by the water supply entity within a common watershed or river basin in order to optimize available water supplies.

- *Coordination with Regional Water Planning Group:* To document that the water conservation plan has been coordinated with the Regional Water Planning Group to insure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plan.
- *Means of Implementation and Enforcement:* A strategy for implementing and enforcing the provisions of a water conservation plan, as evidenced by an ordinance, resolution, or tariff, and a description of the authority by which the plan is enforced.

B. The *Model Water Conservation Plan* covering municipal uses by Public Water Suppliers that: (1) currently serve a population of 5,000 or more; or (2) a projected population of 5,000 or more within ten (10) years from the effective date of the plan are required to include the following additional strategies.

- *Program for Leak Detection & Repair, and Water Loss Accounting:* A program of leak detection and repair, and water loss accounting for the water transmission, delivery, and distribution system.
- *Wholesale Customer Requirements:* If applicable, include a requirement in every water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of the water conservation plan, and including any contract extension, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement water conservation strategies similar to this Plan, including applicable elements of Title 30 TAC Chapter 288.

C. Upper Trinity will work with each Customer to evaluate and incorporate, as appropriate, enhanced conservation strategies identified throughout Section 5 herein to achieve Upper Trinity's conservation goals.

### **5.17 Conservation Work Group / Technical Assistance for Customers**

Upper Trinity has an appointed conservation coordinator to lead its regional water conservation program and to assist Customers with implementation of their respective conservation plans and strategies. Upper Trinity maintains a work group within the Customer Advisory Council for the Regional Treated Water System to coordinate and communicate consistent conservation strategies to Customers and to better focus on water conservation matters. The work group meets at least annually to review current and planned education and outreach activities, discuss conservation strategies and to coordinate updates to conservation and drought contingency plans.

State law now requires utilities with 3,300 connections or more to designate a Water Conservation Coordinator, according to Section 13.146 of the Texas Water Code. Upper Trinity requires every Customer to designate a Conservation Coordinator from their staff with the responsibility for implementing and reporting on their water conservation programs, even those Customers not meeting State requirements.

Upper Trinity provides resources to its Customers to benefit their respective conservation programs. These resources include digital advertisements, infographics, videos, sample social media posts, and publications. Upper Trinity staff are available upon request, and for presentations at community events, such as the Flower Mound Independence Fest and the Corinth Pumpkin Palooza. Upper Trinity also provides conservation classes at no cost to the Customers. Class topics include water efficient landscape plants, native plant selection and maintenance, and irrigation system maintenance and efficient watering methods.

## SECTION 6

### Implementation and Enforcement of the Plan

Upper Trinity has coordinated with its Water Conservation Work Group, the Board's Water Conservation Committee, and the Board of Directors regarding the proposed updates to the Plan. The proposed updated Plans were made available to Upper Trinity Customers and to the public for review and comment, which comments were incorporated into this updated Plan.

Appendix D contains a copy of the resolution of Upper Trinity's Board of Directors adopting this updated Plan (and Upper Trinity's drought contingency plan). The Executive Director of Upper Trinity is authorized to implement and enforce the Plan and the drought contingency plan. Upper Trinity will prepare a water conservation report every year, incorporating the reports required from Customers as appropriate. This report will be used to review the effectiveness of Upper Trinity's water conservation program, and results will be reported to the Water Conservation Committee and to the Board of Directors.

The Plan is also referenced in Upper Trinity's wholesale water supply contracts, as noted in Sections 4.4 and 5.8 herein, and there is a prohibition on the resale of water on a wholesale basis without prior written approval by Upper Trinity. As such, Upper Trinity's contractual relationships with its Customers provide for a reasonable means for enforcing the Plan.

## APPENDIX A

### TCEQ Minimum Requirements for a Water Conservation Plan

(Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter A, Rule §288.5 of TAC)

#### Water Conservation Plans for Wholesale Water Suppliers – Effective December 6, 2012

A water conservation plan for a wholesale water supplier must provide information in response to each of the following paragraphs. If the plan does not provide information for each requirement, the wholesale water supplier shall include in the plan an explanation of why the requirement is not applicable.

(1) Minimum requirements. All water conservation plans for wholesale water suppliers must include the following elements:

(A) a description of the wholesaler's service area, including population and customer data, water use data, water supply system data, and wastewater data;

(B) specific, quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings including, where appropriate, target goals for municipal use in gallons per capita per day for the wholesaler's service area, maximum acceptable water loss, and the basis for the development of these goals. The goals established by wholesale water suppliers under this subparagraph are not enforceable;

(C) a description as to which practice(s) and/or device(s) will be utilized to measure and account for the amount of water diverted from the source(s) of supply;

(D) a monitoring and record management program for determining water deliveries, sales, and losses;

(E) a program of metering and leak detection and repair for the wholesaler's water storage, delivery, and distribution system;

(F) a requirement in every water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of the water conservation plan, and including any contract extension, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement a water conservation plan or water conservation measures using the applicable elements of this chapter. If the customer intends to resell the water, then the contract between the initial supplier and customer must provide that the contract for the resale of the water must have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures in accordance with applicable provisions of this chapter;

(G) a reservoir systems operations plan, if applicable, providing for the coordinated operation of reservoirs owned by the applicant within a common watershed or river basin. The reservoir systems operations plans shall include optimization of water supplies as one of the significant goals of the plan;

(H) a means for implementation and enforcement, which shall be evidenced by a copy of the ordinance, rule, resolution, or tariff, indicating official adoption of the water conservation plan by the water supplier; and a description of the authority by which the water supplier will implement and enforce the conservation plan; and

(1) documentation of coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the wholesale water supplier in order to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(2) Additional conservation strategies. Any combination of the following strategies shall be selected by the water wholesaler, in addition to the minimum requirements of paragraph (1) of this section, if they are necessary in order to achieve the stated water conservation goals of the plan. The commission may require by commission order that any of the following strategies be implemented by the water supplier if the commission determines that the strategies are necessary in order for the conservation plan to be achieved:

(A) conservation-oriented water rates and water rate structures such as uniform or increasing block rate schedules, and/or seasonal rates, but not flat rate or decreasing block rates;

(B) a program to assist agricultural customers in the development of conservation pollution prevention and abatement plans;

(C) a program for reuse and/or recycling of wastewater and/or graywater; and

(D) any other water conservation practice, method, or technique which the wholesaler shows to be appropriate for achieving the stated goal or goals of the water conservation plan.

(3) Review and update requirements. The wholesale water supplier shall review and update its water conservation plan, as appropriate, based on an assessment of previous five-year and ten-year targets and any other new or updated information. A wholesale water supplier shall review and update the next revision of its water conservation plan every five years to coincide with the regional water planning group.

## **Appendix B**

Upper Trinity Regional Water District's Water Utility Profile



# Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Water Availability Division

MC-160, P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Telephone (512) 239-4691, FAX (512) 239-2214

## Utility Profile and Water Conservation Plan Requirements for Wholesale Public Water Suppliers

This form is provided to assist wholesale public water suppliers in water conservation plan development. If you need assistance in completing this form or in developing your plan, please contact the Conservation staff of the Resource Protection Team in the Water Availability Division at (512) 239-4691.

Water users can find best management practices (BMPs) at the Texas Water Development Board's website <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/conservation/BMPs/index.asp>. The practices are broken out into sectors such as Agriculture, Commercial and Institutional, Industrial, Municipal and Wholesale. BMPs are voluntary measures that water users use to develop the required components of Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 288. BMPs can also be implemented in addition to the rule requirements to achieve water conservation goals.

### Contact Information

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Address: PO Box 305, Lewisville, TX 75067

Telephone Number: (972)219-1228

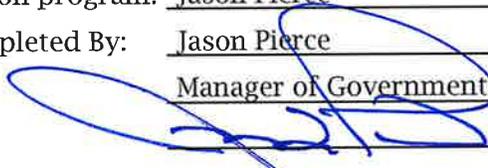
Water Right No.(s): 5778, 5701, 5821

Regional Water Planning Group: C

Person responsible for implementing conservation program: Jason Pierce Phone: (972) 219-1228

Form Completed By: Jason Pierce

Title: Manager of Governmental Affairs and Communications

Signature:  Date: 04/29/2019

A water conservation plan for wholesale public water suppliers must include the following requirements (as detailed in 30 TAC Section 288.5). If the plan does not provide information for each requirement, you must include in the plan an explanation of why the requirement is not applicable.

# Utility Profile

## I. WHOLESALE SERVICE AREA POPULATION AND CUSTOMER DATA

### A. Population and Service Area Data:

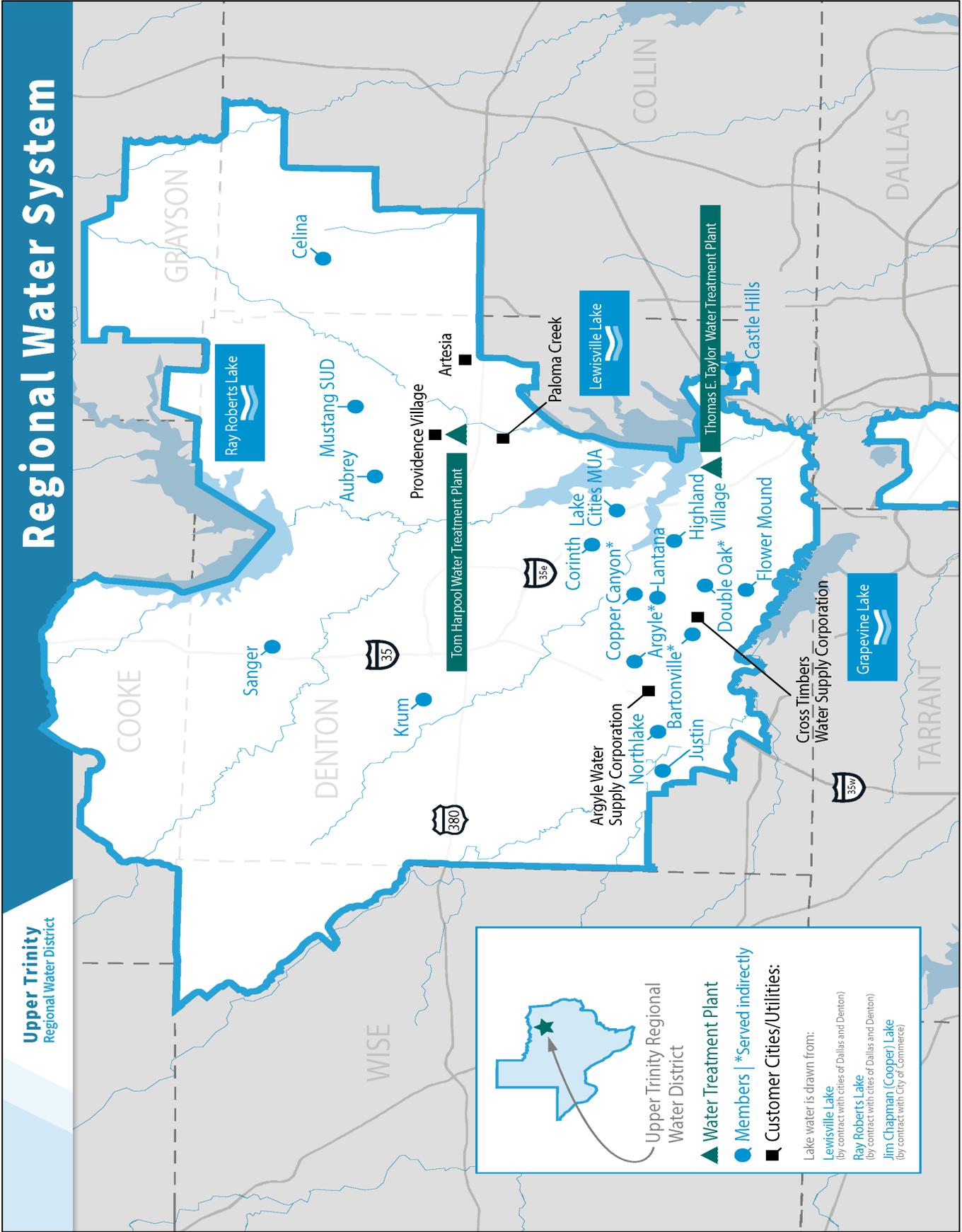
1. Service area size (in square miles): 1,190

(Please attach a copy of service-area map)

Upper Trinity Regional Water District (“Upper Trinity”) is a wholesale water utility created by the Legislature of the State of Texas. Upper Trinity’s service area (see Figure 1 below) is defined in its enabling legislation as the service area of its retail customers:

*“The boundaries of Upper Trinity are coterminous with the boundaries of the county (Denton) plus the entire area in the boundaries of any contract member or participating member, a portion of whose incorporated limits is partially in the boundaries of the county (Denton) as those boundaries existed on the effective date of the Act.” (H.B. 3112, 1989)*

In addition, there is no limitation on other customers being served by Upper Trinity outside its boundaries: for example, a portion of Wise County and Cooke County are shown in the Region C Plan to be served by Upper Trinity.



**Upper Trinity**  
Regional Water District

# Regional Water System

Upper Trinity Regional Water District

- Water Treatment Plant
- Members | \*served indirectly
- Customer Cities/Utilities:

Lake water is drawn from:  
 Lewisville Lake (by contract with cities of Dallas and Denton)  
 Ray Roberts Lake (by contract with cities of Dallas and Denton)  
 Jim Chapman (Cooper) Lake (by contract with City of Commerce)

2. Current population of service area:  
561,452 (not including Denton and Irving)

3. Current population served for:

- a. Water 391,774
- b. Wastewater 212,299

4. Population served for previous five years:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population</i>
2023	391,774
2022	365,183
2021	344,103
2020	317,034
2019	292,530

5. Projected population for service area in the following decades:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population</i>
2030	463,193
2040	573,820
2050	697,172
2060	809,637
2070	941,504

6. List source or method for the calculation of current and projected population size.

2021 Region C Water Plan

North Central Texas Council of Governments

TWDB Water Use Surveys

Upper Trinity Regional Water District Annual Customer Surveys

*B. Customer Data*

List (or attach) the names of all wholesale customers, amount of annual contract, and amount of annual use for each customer for the previous year:

<i>Wholesale Customer</i>	<i>Contracted Amount (Acre-feet)</i>	<i>Previous Year Amount of Water Delivered (acre-feet)</i>
Argyle Water Supply Corp	2,240	1,712
City of Celina	9,521	5,975
City of Corinth	8,401	3,812
Cross Timbers Water Supply Corp	2,800	900

City of Lewisville	4,481	2,205
Denton County FWSD No. 7	4,817	2,504
Denton County FWSD No. 8A	2,095	397
Denton County FWSD No. 11A	3,696	1,640
Elm Ridge Water Control & Improvement District	1,143	664
Town of Flower Mound	33,604	12,845
City of Highland Village	3,360	2,594
City of Justin	1,960	1,072
City of Krum	448	81
Lake Cities MUA	4,257	2,273
Mustang SUD	11,313	8,237
Town of Northlake	9,185	3,083
Town of Providence Village	2,688	810
City of Sanger	560	245

## II. WATER USE DATA FOR SERVICE AREA

### A. Water Delivery

Indicate if the water provided under wholesale contracts is treated or raw water and the annual amounts for the previous five years (in acre feet):

<i>Year</i>	<i>Treated Water</i>	<i>Raw Water</i>
2023	51,048	0.037
2022	47,813	0
2021	38,711	0
2020	37,937	0
2019	33,342	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>208,851</b>	<b>0.037</b>

### B. Water Accounting Data

1. Total amount of water diverted at the point of diversion(s) for the previous five years (in acre-feet) for all water uses:

<i>Year</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>
<i>Month</i>					
January	2,597	2,373	1,765	1,860	1,721
February	2,044	2,066	1,825	1,719	1,556
March	2,653	2,695	2,416	2,003	1,957
April	3,702	3,375	3,051	2,652	2,142
May	4,221	4,297	2,685	3,157	2,322
June	4,952	5,372	3,454	4,343	2,850
July	6,414	7,118	4,484	4,975	4,234
August	7,744	5,629	4,835	5,279	4,555
September	6,060	5,120	4,981	3,420	4,458
October	4,615	4,594	3,725	3,585	3,482
November	3,148	2,655	2,849	2,739	2,040
December	2,899	2,519	2,640	2,207	2,026
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51,048</b>	<b>47,813</b>	<b>38,711</b>	<b>37,937</b>	<b>33,342</b>

2. Wholesale population served and total amount of water diverted for **municipal use** for the previous five years (in acre-feet):

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Population Served</i>	<i>Total Annual Water Diverted for Municipal Use</i>
2023	391,774	51,048
2022	365,183	47,813
2021	344,103	38,711
2020	317,034	37,937
2019	292,530	33,342

### C. Projected Water Demands

If applicable, project and attach water supply demands for the next ten years using information such as population trends, historical water use, and economic growth in the service area over the next ten years and any additional water supply requirements from such growth.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Projected Water Demands (acre-feet)</i>
2025	59,175
2026	61,423
2027	63,670
2028	65,918
2029	68,165
2030	70,413
2031	72,661
2032	74,908
2033	77,156
2034	79,403

### III. WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM DATA

#### A. *Projected Water Demands*

List all current water supply sources and the amounts authorized (in acre feet) with each.

<i>Water Type</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Amount Authorized</i>
Surface Water	Jim Chapman Lake <sup>1</sup>	16,106 <sup>2</sup>
Contract	City of Dallas <sup>3</sup>	43,083
Contract	City of Denton <sup>4</sup>	6,225
Reuse	Jim Chapman Lake <sup>5</sup>	9,664

<sup>1</sup> Certificate of Adjudication No. 03-4797 and a contract with the City of Commerce allows the District to divert water from Jim Chapman Lake.

<sup>2</sup> Amount shown is the maximum diversion amount.

<sup>3</sup> Contract with the City of Dallas allows the District to divert water from Lewisville Lake and Ray Roberts Lake. The amount of supply will increase over time as population of certain "named" cities increases.

<sup>4</sup> Interim Contract with the City of Denton allows the District to divert water from Lewisville Lake and Ray Roberts Lake on an interim basis. The amount of supply available is determined annually by Denton and will decline over time as Denton's own needs increase.

<sup>5</sup> TCEQ Water Use Permit No. 5778, and supporting contracts with the cities of Dallas and Denton, allows the District to reuse an amount equal to 60% of the water it imports from Jim Chapman Lake.

#### B. *Treatment and Distribution System (if providing treated water)*

1. Design daily capacity of system (MGD):

100 MGD

2. Storage capacity (MGD):
  - a. Elevated 0.5 MGD
  - b. Ground 18.3 MGD
3. Please attach a description of the water system. Include the number of treatment plants, wells, and storage tanks.

**Thomas E. Taylor Regional Water Treatment Plant - Lewisville**

1. Designed daily capacity of system in gallons - 70,000,000
2. Storage capacity:
  - a. Elevated storage in gallons - 500,000
  - b. Ground storage in gallons - 14,300,000
3. Wholesale water supplier connections
  - a. Municipal - 25

**Tom Harpool Regional Water Treatment Plant – Providence Village**

1. Designed daily capacity of system in gallons - 30,000,000
2. Storage capacity:
  - a. Elevated storage in gallons - zero
  - b. Ground storage in gallons - 4,000,000
3. Wholesale water supplier connections
  - a. Municipal - 25

**IV. WASTEWATER SYSTEM DATA**

*A. Wastewater System Data (if applicable)*

1. Design capacity of wastewater treatment plant(s) (MGD):  
14.44 MGD
2. Briefly describe the wastewater system(s) of the area serviced by the wholesale public water supplier. Describe how treated wastewater is disposed. Where applicable, identify treatment plant(s) with the TCEQ name and number, the operator, owner, and the receiving stream if wastewater is discharged.

**a. Lakeview Regional Water Reclamation System**

Irrigation On-site: Yes

Irrigation Off-site: No

Chlorination / dechlorination: None, uses UV disinfection

Approximate usage per month: 0.040 MGD

TCEQ number TX0020354, TPDES 10698-001

Operator / Owner: Upper Trinity

Disposal Type: Activated Sludge

Discharge: 4.620 MGD (avg. daily flow)

Discharge receiving stream: Lewisville Lake Segment #0.0823 Trinity River Basin

b. Riverbend Water Reclamation Plant

Irrigation On-site: No

Irrigation Off-site: No

Chlorination / dechlorination: None, uses UV disinfection

Approximate usage per month: 0 MGD

TCEQ number TX0123781, TPDES 10698-002

Operator / Owner: Upper Trinity

Disposal Type: Activated Sludge

Discharge: 2.660 MGD (avg. daily flow)

Discharge receiving stream: Lewisville Lake Segment #0.0823 Little Elm Creek, Trinity River Basin

c. Peninsula Water Reclamation Plant

Irrigation On-site: No

Irrigation Off-site: No

Chlorination / dechlorination: None, uses UV disinfection

Approximate usage per month: 0 MGD

TCEQ number TX0124745, TPDES 14323-001

Operator / Owner: Upper Trinity

Disposal Type: Activated Sludge Extended Aeration

Discharge: 1.220 MGD (avg. daily flow)

Discharge receiving stream: Lewisville Lake Segment #0.0823 Cantrell Slough, Trinity River Basin

d. Doe Branch Water Reclamation Plant

Irrigation On-site: No

Irrigation Off-site: No

Chlorination / dechlorination: None, uses UV disinfection

Approximate usage per month: 0 MGD

TCEQ number TX0125172, TPDES 10698-003

Operator / Owner: Upper Trinity

Disposal Type: Activated Sludge Extended Aeration

Discharge: 4.930 MGD

Discharge receiving stream: Lewisville Lake Segment #0.0823 Unnamed Tributary, Trinity River Basin

See map titled “District Plants” showing approximate locations of each Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant.

*B. Wastewater Data for Service Area (if applicable)*

1. Percent of water service area served by wastewater system: 54%
2. Monthly volume treated for previous five years (in 1,000 gallons):

<i>Year</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>
<i>Month</i>					
January	<u>357,107</u>	<u>301,359</u>	<u>301,301</u>	<u>327,060</u>	<u>291,804</u>
February	<u>386,389</u>	<u>281,205</u>	<u>317,782</u>	<u>303,945</u>	<u>243,424</u>
March	<u>396,804</u>	<u>302,205</u>	<u>303,142</u>	<u>397,569</u>	<u>269,758</u>
April	<u>356,048</u>	<u>315,184</u>	<u>304,205</u>	<u>321,947</u>	<u>297,728</u>
May	<u>372,886</u>	<u>352,316</u>	<u>382,803</u>	<u>349,712</u>	<u>346,927</u>
June	<u>359,919</u>	<u>329,871</u>	<u>395,373</u>	<u>313,007</u>	<u>292,684</u>
July	<u>376,129</u>	<u>310,881</u>	<u>314,374</u>	<u>291,314</u>	<u>257,554</u>
August	<u>358,782</u>	<u>338,166</u>	<u>311,568</u>	<u>279,640</u>	<u>273,178</u>
September	<u>343,845</u>	<u>311,436</u>	<u>287,812</u>	<u>303,168</u>	<u>257,428</u>
October	<u>424,203</u>	<u>339,786</u>	<u>300,897</u>	<u>287,030</u>	<u>278,605</u>
November	<u>372,762</u>	<u>381,334</u>	<u>301,762</u>	<u>274,442</u>	<u>281,708</u>
December	<u>405,906</u>	<u>395,263</u>	<u>302,773</u>	<u>295,153</u>	<u>285,492</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<u>4,510,782</u>	<u>3,959,007</u>	<u>3,823,791</u>	<u>3,743,988</u>	<u>3,376,288</u>

## **Appendix C**

Letter to Chairman of Region C Water Planning Group



April 9, 2024

Mr. Kevin Ward, Chair  
Region C Water Planning Group  
PO Box 60  
Arlington, TX 76004

**Re: Updated Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans**

Dear Mr. Ward,

In accordance with 30 TAC §288.30, enclosed is a copy of Upper Trinity Regional Water District's ("Upper Trinity") 2024 Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan. The Board of Directors of Upper Trinity adopted the updated plans on February 8, 2024. The updated Water Conservation Plan includes a permanent and mandatory two-day-per-week outdoor watering schedule and new 5-year and 10-year water use goals. The updated Drought Contingency Plan includes new measures for Upper Trinity and its Customers to effectively manage outdoor watering during times of drought.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me or Jason Pierce, Manager of Governmental Affairs and Communications, at 972-219-1228.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry N. Patterson".

Larry N. Patterson  
Executive Director

Encl: 1. Upper Trinity's 2024 Water Conservation Plan  
2. Upper Trinity's 2024 Drought Contingency Plan

C: Jason Pierce, Manager of Governmental Affairs and Communications, UTRWD

## **Appendix D**

Resolution from Upper Trinity Regional Water District's Board of Directors  
Adopting the Water Conservation Plan



# RESOLUTION

## RESOLUTION # 2024 – 01

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT (“THE DISTRICT”) ADOPTING UPDATED WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THE DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Board of Directors previously adopted its Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan in April 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter A, Rule 288.5 and Subchapter B, Rule 288.22 governs the development of water conservation and drought contingency plans for wholesale water suppliers and requires wholesale public water suppliers, like the District, to include certain basic provisions in said plans; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter A, Rule 288.2 and Subchapter B, Rule 288.20 requires that the District’s water conservation plans and drought contingency plans be reviewed and updated, at least, every five years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to update its current water conservation plan and drought contingency plan based on current knowledge and practices, as well as to require a year-round two-day per week maximum for outdoor watering with an automatic irrigation system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the updated water conservation plan and drought contingency plan shall hereinafter be referred to as the “2024 Plans”; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Plans must be approved by the District’s Board of Directors prior to submission to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) and the Texas Water Development Board (“TWDB”); and,

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Treated Water Customers and the Water Conservation Work Group have provided input on the 2024 Plans; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Water Conservation Committee has also reviewed and recommends adoption of the 2024 Plans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT:**

**SECTION 1.** That the 2024 Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan as recommended by the Water Conservation Committee and reviewed by the Treated Water Customers and the Water Conservation Work Group are hereby adopted.

**SECTION 2.** That the Executive Director is hereby directed to implement and enforce the 2024 Plans as adopted.

**SECTION 3.** That the Executive Director is hereby directed to include provisions in any new contract for wholesale water services and any renewed or extended contract with a Customer after the adoption hereof requiring said Customer to adopt similar water conservation and drought contingency strategies as outlined in the 2024 Plans and providing for enforcement thereof.

**SECTION 4.** That the Executive Director is authorized to submit the 2024 Plans to TCEQ and TWDB for review and approval and to make reasonable changes thereto if requested by either agency.

**SECTION 5.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.**

Recommended:



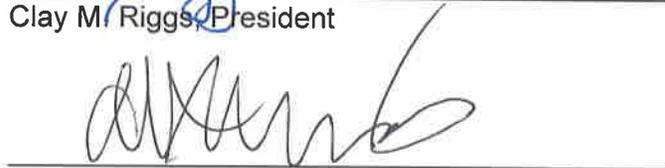
Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director

Executed:



Clay M. Riggs, President

Attest:



Allen L. McCracken, II, Secretary

