

Amend CSHB 725 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter H, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 49.2127 to read as follows:

Sec. 49.2127. WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL WATER AUTHORITIES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Authority" means a special water authority to which this section applies under Subsection (b).

(2) "Firm water" means a stored supply of water for customers of an authority for which a continuous water supply has a higher priority during drought conditions than that of interruptible water customers. Firm water customers include municipalities, industries, and electric power plants.

(3) "Interruptible water" means a stored supply of water for customers of an authority that must be rationed or curtailed during drought conditions before firm water supplies.

(b) This section applies only to a special water authority whose water management plan consists of a reservoir operation plan for the operation of two water supply reservoirs and was:

(1) developed by an applicant for a permit under Chapter 11; and

(2) originally required by a court order adjudicating the water rights for those reservoirs.

(c) An authority's water management plan must:

(1) ensure adequate protection of firm water supplies so that the needs of firm water customers are met to the extent provided by previously adjudicated permits; and

(2) provide for curtailing water supplies under interruptible commitments before requesting that firm water customers institute voluntary water conservation measures.

SECTION _____. A special water authority to which Section 49.2127, Water Code, as added by this Act, applies shall adopt or amend its rules and its water management plan as required to implement Section 49.2127, Water Code, as added by this Act.