

Amend CSHB 725 (senate committee printing) 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 supply of stored water that could be supplied without shortage during each year of a simulated repeat of the drought of record, while honoring all senior water rights. During a drought of record, the supply of water for firm water customers has a higher priority than that of interruptible water customers.

(3) "Interruptible water" means a stored supply of water for customers of an authority that must be curtailed before the authority curtails 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 that adequate firm water supplies are available to meet the existing and projected demands of firm water customers to the extent:

(A) provided by previously adjudicated water rights; and

(B) other supplies are not available to the authority to meet those firm water customer demands; and

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