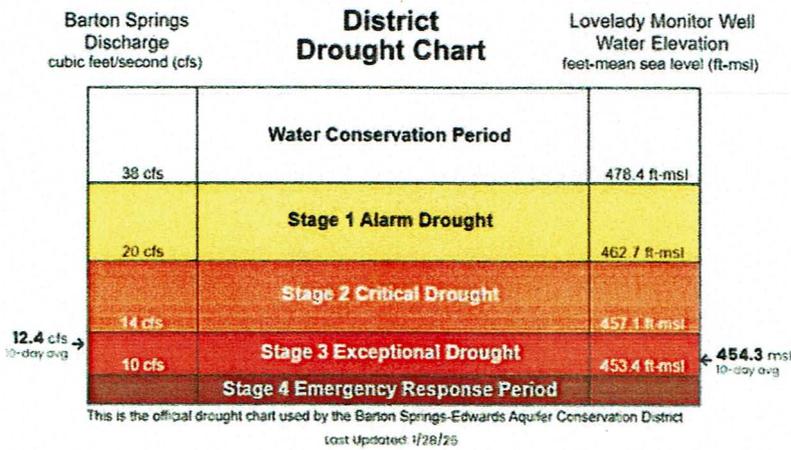




Thankfully, for now, we averted a Stage 4 Emergency Drought. The District's February meeting was focused exclusively on preparing for a Stage 4 drought declaration. This record drought has persisted for 43 months now and there appears to be no end in sight. Austin has received 25% less rain over this period than the historical average. Make no mistake about this situation, this is the worst our water levels have been in the District's 39-year history. Below is the District's drought status as of the end of January.



What does this mean for us in Ruby Ranch? Our permitted allotment continues to be curtailed by 55%, 62% if we move to a Stage 4 Drought. This puts the average household usage goal at just under 5,000 gallons per month, 3,200 gallons in a Stage 4 drought. This may seem like a significant reduction, but the good news is the community has worked hard together to keep usage down in recent months.

Good news, we can all track our usage on a daily basis. If you have not created an account, we ask that you do. Once logged in, you can track daily usage and even identify persistent usage and/or usage during "odd" hours which has already helped several residents identify leaks they were unaware of.

As a reminder, irrigation usage is a violation of our Tariffs during a Stage 3 or Stage 4 Drought.

For reference, below are our current water permits amounts for the coming months.

Restrictions	No Drought	Stage 3 Exceptional	Stage 4 Emergency Res	No Drought Household Average	Stage 3 Exceptional Household Average	Stage 4 Emergency Res Household Average
Historical Edwards	0%	30%	40%			
Class B Edwards	0%	75%	100%			
February	2,112,000	958,320	798,600	8,448	3,833	3,194
March	2,112,000	958,320	798,600	8,448	3,833	3,194
April	2,368,000	1,074,480	895,400	9,472	4,298	3,582
May	2,560,000	1,161,600	968,000	10,240	4,646	3,872
Total Reduction	32,000,000	14,520,000	12,100,000			
		-17,480,000	-19,900,000			
		-55%	-62%			