



Farmersville
DISCOVER A TEXAS TREASURE

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM:

DATE: April 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to implement Stage I of the Drought Contingency Plan

ACTION: Discussion and action as deemed by the Council.

(VI- F)



**NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT**

Regional Service Through Unity

March 25, 2011

Mr. John Moran
City Manager
City of Farmersville
205 South Main Street
Farmersville, TX 75442

Re: NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency
Response Plan – Stage 1

Dear Mr. Moran:

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is initiating Stage 1 of the *NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan, March 2008, (Plan)* effective April 19, 2011.

Stage 1 of the *Plan* is being implemented, with concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, as a result of invasive zebra mussels being found in Lake Texoma and Sister Grove Creek and the temporary loss of the Lake Texoma raw water supply by NTMWD.

In August 2009, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department discovered zebra mussels in Sister Grove Creek, a tributary of the East Fork of the Trinity River and used by the NTMWD to transfer water from Lake Texoma. As a result, NTMWD voluntarily ceased pumping raw water supplies from Lake Texoma and has not resumed pumping. The infestation of zebra mussels in Lake Texoma has resulted in a loss of 22.5% of the NTMWD's total raw water supply. NTMWD has and will continue to collaborate with federal and state regulatory agencies to develop a strategy to minimize the transport of zebra mussels into the Trinity River basin. At this point, NTMWD does not have a firm date for the resumption of pumping from Lake Texoma, however, NTMWD will continue to collaborate with the federal and state agencies to hopefully resume pumping in latter 2011.

Mr. John Moran

Page 2

March 25, 2011

Initiation of Stage 1 is intended to raise public awareness of potential drought contingency and water emergency problems. The goal for water use reduction under Stage 1 is a 2% reduction in the use that would have occurred in the absence of drought contingency and water emergency response measures.

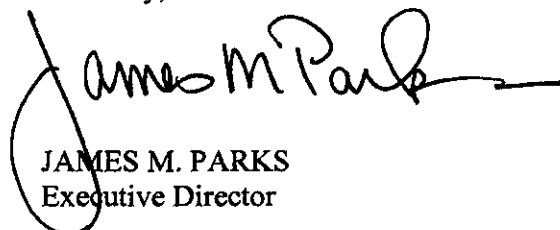
The NTMWD Executive Director is requesting that Member Cities and Customers implement the following water conservation strategies:

- Initiate Stage 1 of the Member Cities and Customers drought contingency and water emergency response plans by April 19, 2011
- Increase public education efforts on ways to reduce water use
- Intensify efforts on leak detection and repair

Extending the water supply during this water emergency period through the efficient use of our existing water resources is crucial to meeting the long-term water needs of the Member Cities and Customers.

Should you need additional information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Rickman or my office directly at 972.442.5405 or by e-mail at mrickman@ntmwd.com or jparks@ntmwd.com.

Sincerely,



JAMES M. PARKS
Executive Director

cc: Bill Harrison, NTMWD Director