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STAGE 1 WATER CONSERVATION IN EFFECT

ROCKPORT, TX – ROCKPORT, TX -- City Manager Kevin Carruth has announced that the City of Rockport has entered Stage 1-Moderate Water Shortage. The City implemented Stage 1 in response to the combined lake storage levels of Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon dropping to 40 percent of capacity. The goal of Stage 1 is to reduce water usage by five percent.

Stage 1, which is part of the City's Drought Contingency and Emergency Water Plan, limits watering to once a week between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. Anyone utilizing City water and not following the mandatory guidelines for water restrictions will be issued a citation.

The new watering schedule for Stage 1 is:

- Tuesday – Even numbered addresses
- Wednesday – Odd numbered addresses
- Thursday – Multifamily and Commercial

Property owners using water wells, wastewater treatment plant effluent, or gray water for irrigation are exempt from the restrictions; however, the ordinance does require those users to post a sign stating the water used for irrigation is from a private well, wastewater treatment plant effluent, gray water or source other than the city's water supply. It is a separate violation to display a sign which falsely claims the water used to be from another source.

Rockport buys treated water from the San Patricio Municipal Water District (SPMWD) who, in turn, buys raw water from the City of Corpus Christi. SPMWD and the City of Corpus Christi have implemented similar restrictions.

The City of Rockport will continue to monitor lake levels and, if needed, will implement stages of its drought contingency plan. For additional information on the Plan, visit the City's web site at www.cityofrockport.com and type in "water plan" in the search engine. Customers with questions are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department at (361) 790-1160.