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ENACTMENT OF PHASE TWO DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

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The City of La Grange has enacted Phase Two of our Drought Contingency Plan effective Thursday, July 2, 2009. The triggering criteria which have initiated this action are the current weather predictions that indicate a long dry period with little relief in the foreseeable future. Also down-hole water well levels continue to drop. They have dropped an additional ten feet in the past few weeks. Phase Two is defined as a "Mild" drought condition. Action/Restrictions under this condition are all mandatory, and we do stress their importance and highly encourage all La Grange water customers to participate by complying with the following guidelines:

Car washing, window washing and pavement washing are prohibited except when a bucket is used.

There shall be no street washing, water hydrant flushing, filling of swimming pools, or recreational use of faucets, hoses, and hydrants unless essential to public health or safety.

The following mandatory lawn watering schedule shall be implemented: Customers with even numbered street addresses may water on even numbered days of the month. Customers with odd numbered street addresses on odd numbered days of the month. Watering shall occur only between the hours of 6-10 a.m. and 8-10 p.m.

Waste of water shall be prohibited. Water waste is defined as permitting water from landscape irrigation to escape into gutters, ditches, streets sidewalks and other surface drains; failure to properly repair a controllable leak due to defective plumbing after it is discovered; and other obviously wasteful uses.

We are in Phase Two-Moderate Drought Conditions at this time. If we all work together I believe we can avoid going into the next phase which is defined as Severe where all outdoor water use would be banned and fines would be set for violations. We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation in this matter.

