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Drought Awareness Campaign

Copperas Cove, Texas – The City of Copperas Cove is initiating a Drought Awareness Campaign to alert our citizens and customers on current and anticipated drought conditions. Drought conditions are sweeping across the Central Texas area and the City is requesting that all citizens and businesses begin voluntary water conservation. This measure is being implemented to raise public awareness of current water conditions and to encourage voluntary water conservation by voiding non-essential water uses.

The City does monitor and receive direction from both Bell County Water Control & Improvement District #1 (BCWCID1) and the Brazos River Authority (BRA). Further information on BCWCID1 can be located at: <http://wcid1.org/>. Further information on the BRA can be located at: <http://www.brazos.org/> and the BRA Current Drought Status can be located at: <http://www.brazos.org/About-Us/Water-Supply/Drought>.

The BRA has recently provided concerns that the drought conditions could persist, possibly causing for the City to enter Stage 1 of our Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan in the coming weeks. City staff will continue to monitor conditions through our partners and provide updates as they become available. All citizens and customers are encouraged to review and become familiar with the plan, which can be found on the City's website at: http://www.copperascovetx.gov/files/water/water_conservation_drought_contingency.pdf.

A couple points of interest which citizens often inquire on:

- The flushing of water lines is a necessity to ensure we maintain good water quality for our residents, even during drought conditions. It is necessary to routinely circulate and remove aging water from the system and replace it with fresh water, especially during summer months.
- The Hills of Cove Golf Course utilizes reclaimed, non-potable, water from a nearby wastewater treatment facility for course irrigation.

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