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The Marlin City water supply is at a critical level due to being below 8 ft as of 7/11/2022. This puts the city at stage 4 critical water conditions. There is a significant amount of sediment that is affecting the measurement levels. We have a underwater tank service coming on Wednesday, July 13, to survey and see what our actual numbers may reflect and clear the sediment. The Brazos River Pump remains inoperable, but we are expecting the part by the end of the week. We are hoping to have the Brazos River Pump up and pumping water by next week. Temperatures are expected to remain above 100 degrees with no rain forecasted in the coming weeks. This will continue to affect water levels as it is doing throughout the state. The recent increase in fires and drought conditions have significantly impacted our lake levels in a short period of time. We are conducting continual monitoring of the lake levels, daily. As conditions warrant, the citizens will be updated. Effective immediately, we are initiating the Stage 4 -Critical Water Shortage restrictions for non-essential water usage. The Goal of Stage 4 is to achieve a 40% reduction in daily water demand and to conserve water resources in the face of extreme heat and low lake levels.

Stage 4 Response -- CRITICAL Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a forty percent (40-percent) reduction in daily water demand

Supply Management Measures:

1. Public will be informed as mentioned above.
2. The STEP II curtailment will be enacted.
3. Certain industrial and commercial water users, which are not essential to the health and safety of the community, will be prohibited from water usage.
4. Public will be advised of the trigger conditions daily.

Additional Supply Management Measures: Adopt water rates 1.5 times the City's normal water rate including minimum and per gallon charges; Drill additional supply well(s).

Water Use Restrictions. Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons. All requirements of Stage 2 and 3 shall remain in effect during Stage 4 except:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be limited to designated watering days between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets (less than five (5) gallons), or drip irrigation only. The use of hose-end sprinklers or permanently installed timed or untimed automatic sprinkler systems are prohibited at all times.
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle not occurring on the premises of a commercial car wash and commercial service stations and not in the immediate interest of public health, safety, and welfare is prohibited. Further, such vehicle washing at commercial car washes and commercial service stations shall occur only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- (c) The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited.

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(d) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system

(e) No application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought response stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.

Section X: Enforcement

a) No person shall knowingly or intentionally allow the use of water from the City of Marlin for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this Plan, or in an amount in excess of that permitted by the drought response stage in effect at the time pursuant to action taken by the City Manager, or his/her designee, in accordance with provisions of this Plan.

b) Any person who violates this Plan is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) and not more than FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00). Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three (3) or more distinct violations of this Plan, the City Manager shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, hereby established at TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00), and any other costs incurred by the City of Marlin in discontinuing service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the City Manager that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

