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City Asks Temple Residents to be Mindful of Water Usage

TEMPLE, TX – (September 22, 2016) Over the past few weeks, the City of Temple Water Utility Office has spoken with several residents in the west Temple area about low water pressure in their respective areas. As a result, City staff has looked thoroughly into the situation and has been making operational adjustments to improve system capabilities and mitigate any issues during times of high water usage.

“We haven’t had a lot of rain lately,” Damon Boniface, City Utility Director states, “so water usage is higher than normal. We greatly appreciate the residents letting us know about this issue, we have heard your concerns, and now we are reaching out to the community for voluntary participation to help conserve water, especially during the morning hours of 5 a.m. to 10 a.m.” Boniface continues, “Our water system is strong and robust, and supports more than adequate delivery of water services to our customers for the purposes of public health and safety. Bottom line is that non-essential water use, particularly tied to irrigation, is currently much higher during the early morning hours while residents are also getting their day started. We are asking for residents to curtail non-essential water use, particularly tied to irrigation, during those morning hours. This will ensure that water is available for public health and safety, which is the City’s primary concern.”

The City is also asking that residents adjust the timing of their irrigation systems to run at a time other than during peak morning water usage. For example, if your irrigation system is set to begin watering at 5:30 a.m., it would reduce demand on the water system if the timing is adjusted to finish their complete cycle prior to 5 a.m.

Boniface continues, “We appreciate everyone working together to reduce the demand on the public water system. This will allow us to continue providing quality water for public health and safety use while at the same time protecting one of our most valuable resources, our water.

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