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### **North Texas Municipal Water District Implements Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures Effective June 1, 2013**

CRANDALL (April 25, 2013) The Crandall City Officials announced today that Stage 3 water conservation measures will go into effect on June 1, 2013, according to City Manager Scott Wall.

“We urge our residents and businesses to fully comply with the Stage 3 water management strategies that will go into effect June 1<sup>st</sup>”. “Reducing our water use by 10% will help extend NTMWD’s water supplies during the summer months,” he added.

Residential and business customers will be allowed to use automatic sprinkler and irrigation systems just once per week, if needed. Soaker and hand held hoses can be used on foundations, new shrubs and trees for up to two hours per day. Additional information can be found on the City of Crandall website at [www.crandalltexas.com](http://www.crandalltexas.com)

The announcement comes following a vote by the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors to implement Stage 3 of the *NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan*. The board vote was prompted by the adverse impact on the NTMWD’s raw water supplies due to below average rainfall and the loss of 28% of NTMWD’s total raw water supply from Lake Texoma.

Both Lakes Lavon and Chapman, two key NTMWD reservoirs, are down almost 8 feet below normal conservation levels. In addition, the district still cannot draw water from Lake Texoma because of the zebra mussel infestation.

Within the Stage 3 water management strategies, the City of Crandall must take action to reduce water consumption by 10%.

While long term forecasts indicate below average rainfall this spring and summer, the NTMWD Board of Directors could reconsider Stage 3 conservation measures if weather patterns change and the Lake Lavon watershed receives significant rainfall.

Construction continues on a pipeline from Lake Texoma to the NTMWD water treatment plant in Wylie, Texas that will allow the district to resume pumping water from Texoma. However, the first phase of that project will not be completed until January 2014.