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North Texas Municipal Water District Initiates Stage 2 of the NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan

Wylie, Texas (January 11, 2006)—

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has initiated Stage 2 of the NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

Due to the continued drought conditions that include below normal rainfall and above normal temperatures for the North Central Texas area, effective today the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has initiated Stage 2 of the NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

Stage 2 is being initiated in response to:
- Extreme drought conditions in the service area
- Continuing decline of water levels in the NTMWD water supply reservoirs
- Long-range weather forecast that projects the drought to persist

The Fort Worth Office of the National Weather Service has stated, “For Dallas/Fort Worth 2005 is the driest year since the drought of the 1950s!” As a more site-specific example, in 2005 the National Weather Service rainfall gauge at the Lake Lavon Dam recorded the lowest rainfall of any year since 1950 – the first full year the records were kept.

The goal for water use reduction under Stage 2 is a two percent reduction of the use that would have occurred in the absence of drought contingency measures. The NTMWD is requesting that Member Cities and Customers implement the following water conservation strategies:

- Require implementation of Stage 2 of the Member Cities and Customers (including indirect customers) drought contingency plan
- Continue or initiate any actions available under Stage 1
• Further accelerate public education efforts on ways to reduce water use

• Encourage the public to wait until the current drought situation has passed before establishing new landscaping

Stage 2 of the NTMWD Plan can be terminated when the Lake Lavon water level rises above elevation 485.0 feet msl or when the circumstances that initiated Stage 2 no longer exist.

Extending the water supply during this extremely dry period through the efficient use of our existing water resources is crucial to meeting the long-term water needs of the Member Cities and Customers. Hopefully, the weather patterns will change and bring the area the much-needed rain that will replenish our reservoirs so that Stage 2 can be terminated.