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NTMWD Advises of Planned Controlled Burn of Thatch at the NTMWD Wetland During the Months of December 2014, January and February 2015

(Wylie, Texas-November 25, 2014) The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will be performing a controlled burn of thatch, the matted layer of dead vegetation at the base of plantings, at portions of the East Fork Raw Water Supply Project (Wetland) in Kaufman County during the months of December 2014, January and February 2015, as weather conditions permit.

The controlled burning is an accepted practice for such wetland areas to remove the thatch and thus enhance the wetland performance in polishing the water diverted from the East Fork of the Trinity River. The Wetland area has been in service for approximately five years, during which time significant vegetative thatch has accumulated.

NTMWD anticipates the process may begin as soon as December 1, 2014, depending on weather conditions, and will cease once the controlled burn has been completed.

NTMWD is coordinating this event with the Kaufman County Sheriff’s Office. The NTMWD will notify the Kaufman County Sheriff’s Office daily as the controlled burn is conducted.

The Wetland is located north and south of US Highway 175 in an area generally bound by FM 1389 (Kaufman Street), FM 3039 (old US Highway 175), Lewis Street and the East Fork of the Trinity River.

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