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Planned Prescribed Burn of Thatch at the NTMWD Wetland Between Late December 2016 and March 2017

(Wylie, Texas – December 13, 2016) The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will be performing a prescribed 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 a period between late December 2016 and possibly extending into March 2017, depending upon weather conditions.

Prescribed burning is an accepted maintenance practice for wetland areas for the purpose of removing thatch and enhancing wetland performance. NTMWD's Wetland naturally cleans water diverted from the East Fork of the Trinity River as one of the steps in the water treatment process. Each year, the Wetland area accumulates significant vegetative thatch which is removed through a prescribed burn.

NTMWD is coordinating the prescribed burn with the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office and will work closely with them as the prescribed burn is performed.

The Wetland is located north and south of Highway 175 in an area generally bound by FM1389 (Kaufman St.), FM 3039 (Old Hwy. 5), Lewis St. and the East Fork of the Trinity River.

For questions regarding this matter, please contact Denise Hickey, Water Resource Program and Public Education Manager at 972.442.5405 or by email, dhickey@NTMWD.com.

About NTMWD

The North Texas Municipal Water District is a regional wholesale provider of water, wastewater and solid waste disposal services for approximately 1.6 million residents in the north Texas counties of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Rains, and Rockwall – a service territory covering 2,200 square miles. For more information, visit NTMWD.com.

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