

MEDIA NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

12:15 PM August 5, 2014



WATER EMERGENCY SITUATION –

STAGE 5 WATER RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT

All discretionary use of water by customers of the City of Graham is prohibited until further notice. This includes customers of Ft. Belknap Water Corp, Graham East Water Corp and the cities of Newcastle, Bryson and Throckmorton.

An electrical issue at the water plant at 3 am this morning caused a loss of water supply to the plant. There are two pumps for raw water. Service to one smaller pump was restored at 6 am. The other larger pump will not be in service until parts damaged in the electrical failure are **installed and the pump tested.**

Contractors are on site and working at this time. A timeframe is not yet available for completion of the repairs.

Until the larger pump is operational, raw water supply to the plant will be at 50% of recent use levels.

It is anticipated that Stage 5 restrictions may remain in place for several days after the repairs are made in order to replenish reserves for fire protection.

- **All discretionary use of water is prohibited until further notice. Please turn off all lawn sprinklers, cease outside watering and do not waste water. Please delay clothes and dish washing. Use of disposable plates and cups is encouraged.**
- **The bulk water station on the Loving Highway has been closed.**
- **Car washes are requested to curtail operations.**
- **The splash pad at the city pool is closed.**

An update will be provided at 5 pm today.

No outside watering is allowed until the Stage 5 restrictions are lifted. Your compliance is appreciated.