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City reduces its safe operating capacity

Kerrville, Texas (July 28, 2023) – With the Guadalupe River flow in Kerr County continuing to decline, the City of Kerrville has reduced its river water diversion – the amount of water the city draws from the river – by 0.775 million gallons per day (MGD). This is the third time since June of 2022 that the city has self-curtailed or reduced river diversion, resulting in a cumulative curtailment of 2.255 MGD. In addition, a reduction in groundwater has been agreed upon.



These combined reductions have resulted in adjusting the city's safe operating capacity, which officially occurred on July 26, 2023.

Irrigation has a significant impact on the city's drinking water demand and can account for an estimated 30-40 percent of the city's total drinking water usage. It is important that citizens are aware of and adhere to conservation measures that are in place.

Please remember that conservation measures do not affect the city's reuse water customers, which include three area golf courses, the Sports Complex, and the Tivy High School and Schreiner University athletic fields. Those facilities receive water from the city's reuse pond, which stores non-potable water and then distributes to them accordingly.

The city continues to monitor all the factors related to the drought, including river flow, well levels, water system sustainability, water demand, short/long term weather forecasts, and other related factors. Future updates to include changes in restrictions as well as best practices will be provided accordingly.

The City of Kerrville would like to thank the community for their cooperation and collaborative efforts. Helpful information related to conservation, current stages, and the city's Water Management Plan is available on the city's website at <https://www.kerrvilletx.gov/512/Water-Restrictions>.

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