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Kerrville Water Resources Update

Kerrville (January 10, 2013) – Prior to the January 2013 snow and rain events that have shed an average of 3.5 inches of precipitation over the area, Kerrville had received approximately 0.25 inches of rain since November 2012 (Fall and Winter months where river flow is critical for aquifer recharging). Excluding January 2013, the river has been flowing at less than 25% of its normal average flow since June 2012. In addition to this, since April 2011, Kerrville aquifer levels have remained an average of 40 feet below yearly average levels. Due to these factors and the overall persisting dry weather, the U.S. Drought Monitor has designated the Kerrville area as “D3 – Exceptional” (“D4 – Extreme” is the highest level of drought).

Long range weather forecasts predict 30% dryer than normal weather from February through May of 2013. Kerrville is currently in Stage 1 of its water conservation plan, mainly due to low water usage during the winter months; however, Kerrville water customers should begin to anticipate the potential of advancing to Stage 2 in late spring and Stage 3 during the summer unless the weather patterns shift and the drought ends. Water customers can do their part now by implementing water saving practices and techniques found on the Kerrville website at <http://www.kerrvilletx.gov/index.aspx?NID=889>.

For additional information contact Charlie Hastings, P.E., Director of Public Works at 830.258.1220 or visit the city's website at www.kerrvilletx.gov .

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