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CITY OF WACO LIFTS MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS

WACO, TEXAS (October 30, 2023) — With conservation efforts and the recent rains, Lake Waco has reached 100% capacity. Mandatory water restrictions have been lifted at this time. City of Waco staff will continue to monitor lake levels throughout the year and provide necessary updates as water levels change.

City Manager Bradley Ford shared, "Our sincere appreciation for the cooperation between city departments and our residential and business water customers as we worked through a regional drought over these last two years. Your cooperation was invaluable."

Proactive planning continues to be a focus of the water utilities staff.

First, the two-year drought has pointed out the need to revisit our Drought Contingency Plan (last adopted 2019) and update it with more meaningful and effective strategies to curb excess water usage year-round as well as during various stages of drought. Updates to the Drought Contingency Plan will be available in early 2024.

Second, the team is developing an Integrated Water Resource Plan to establish a foundation for water capacity planning for the next 100 years. This "Integrated" Plan is expected to examine the most effective strategies for the utilization of all water sources available to the City of Waco. This plan is also expected to be released in early 2024.

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