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Subject: Water Conservation

On Monday, August 15, Houston Mayor Annise Parker announced the beginning of Stage 2 mandatory water conservation measures for water users **inside the City**. With no relief in sight for this record-breaking drought, Mayor Parker explained that the measures are needed to stabilize water levels in Lake Houston which have dropped almost a foot over the last several weeks.

The North Harris County Regional Water Authority delivers surface water to 60 utility districts. This water is purchased from the City's Northeast Water Purification Plant which is located near Lake Houston and takes its water from that Lake. The Authority has taken steps to reduce the amount of treated water that we are taking. The Authority's water system operator has been and will continue to work with operators for those districts to promote the efficient use of surface water. For those districts that are located within the boundaries of the Authority, and are totally reliant on groundwater, we encourage you to emphasize water conservation to your customers, as well. The Authority will continue to make water conservation support materials* available to the districts, and as needed will post additional information online (www.NHCRWA.com).

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