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City of Kyle Recognized for Water Management and Conservation

The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD) recognized the City of Kyle as one of only four district permittees to comply with monthly pumpage limits and water use restrictions during both Critical Stage and Water Use Management periods during the recent drought.

“Diversifying our water sources, applying sound management practices and promoting resource conservation has become a priority in terms of how we manage our water needs,” said Kyle City Manager Tom Mattis. “As we move forward and away from the drought conditions we’ve faced over the past two years, we want to remind our citizens that water remains a valuable resource and we want to encourage people to continue taking measures to conserve water.”

Over the past several years, the City of Kyle has diversified its water sources to include not only ground water from the BSEACD and the Edwards Aquifer Authority, but water is also received from other surface water sources. This diversification allows the City to reduce its reliance on groundwater in times of drought and also allows the City to remain below the required pumping limits established by the aquifer authorities.

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The City has also enhanced communication to its residents in terms of providing them with information on water conservation and management. Water conservation information is included in various mailings to each home and business in the Kyle city limits. Information is also available on the Web. A special brochure on water conservation was also sent home with Kyle elementary students during the fall of 2006.

“I’d like to thank the citizens of Kyle for their hard work and dedication in helping us comply with our requirements to the aquifer authorities,” said Kyle Mayor Mike Gonzalez. “I’d also like to thank our City staff for their diligence in staying on top of our water situation and making our City proud of our management team.”

In addition to providing educational materials to Kyle residents regarding water conservation, the City of Kyle also has undertaken other practices to ensure water is not being wasted. The City has hired SAMCO Leak Detection Services out of Austin to do annual inspections of City water lines to detect leaks and direct City staff to areas that need attention. The most recent study included 25 linear miles of water lines which yielded four service line leaks, four meter box leaks, six slow meters, and one customer side leak were identified.

“We started regular inspections of our water lines several years ago to ensure that water we receive as a city reaches our customers and that we are operating sound water lines,” Mattis said. “We are committed to operating a sound and efficient system that will benefit not only our customers, but also our water providers.”

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