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Please be advised that due to the end of drought conditions and rebounding lake levels, TRWD will lift Stage 1 drought restrictions on May 4.

Recent rains and the resulting runoff have replenished our water supplies. The combined storage capacity in TRWD reservoirs is above 95 percent. And, an analysis of available supplies indicates there is little threat of returning to Stage 1 conditions any time this summer.

The water district appreciates your cooperation with the implementation of the Stage 1 restrictions in an effort to stretch our supplies during the extreme drought conditions we experienced in 2011. Because of your efforts, we observed an 8 percent reduction in demands during a period of peak use, saving an estimated 35-45 million gallons per day.

We are aware that many water utilities across the Dallas-Fort Worth area are pursuing the adoption of a permanent twice per week watering schedule as a year-round water conservation measure. TRWD encourages this endeavor and would like to see it implemented region-wide. A twice per week or less outdoor watering schedule would help reduce peak demands in the summer and increase the availability of water supplies over the long-term.

Even though drought conditions have subsided, they will return at some point in the future. The water district continues to encourage its customers to promote water conservation practices within their communities. Please let us know if we can offer any additional support. If you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to contact Dean Minchillo, TRWD water conservation manager at 817-720-4368 or dean.minchillo@trwd.com.

Sincerely,

James M. Oliver
General Manager