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Dear Members:

This letter is to apprise you that the City of Gordon has sent us notice that they are implementing Stage III (Severe Conditions) of their Drought Contingency Plan. This means that Barton Water Supply Corporation (Corporation) has to cut its water consumption by at least 25% or pay at least double for all water consumed. The Board met in a Special Meeting Saturday, March 29, 2014, to discuss the plan of action for the Corporation. **This letter is your notice that the Corporation is also implementing Stage III of its Drought Contingency Plan:**

- **All outside watering is prohibited.**
- **Water use will be restricted to 75% of each member's prior month usage.**
- **Any member using more than the allotted 75% will pay at least double the normal rate for the water and may be assessed additional charges and the possibility of having the meter locked.**
- **The Corporation may, at any time, call for no watering of livestock or filling of swimming pools.**

This is serious and the Board is complying with the City of Gordon and State mandates. Once again, beginning immediately, there will be absolutely no outdoor watering. If you do not comply with this order, your water can be cut off and your meter locked. Those of you who have to water livestock should look into the possibility of hauling water or having a tank or large pond built on your property. The Board carefully considered all options and this is the mildest one available. We all understand the importance of water and recognize we already pay dearly for this water, but the Corporation cannot continue if it has to pay double (the lowest it can be charged) for the water it purchases from the City of Gordon.

The Board is in the process of evaluating the System and will be calling to let you know your water may be turned off for a few hours to check for leaks since we continue to lose water each month. We ask for your help in looking for wet areas which could denote a leak in our water line and ask that you notify the office immediately. The decisions the Board is facing are difficult, and we ask for your prayers and support. We try to make our decisions based on what is beneficial for the entire Corporation.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you need ideas on how to conserve water to meet your ration, please do not hesitate to call or attend one of our meetings.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors for Barton Water Supply Corporation