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CRAWFORD SPRING REHABILITATION PROJECT

Please be advised, the Town of Crawford will be starting construction on the Town's spring that supplies water to the Crawford community. Currently scheduled to begin September 15th, but subject to change, the Town of Crawford will be rehabilitating the spring, which is the Town's sole source of domestic water. Once construction begins, all water users (Town of Crawford, Crawford Mesa, and Crawford State Park) will have to rely on limited stored water from the Town's water storage tanks; therefore, all water users need to work together to conserve water so that the stored water does not run out. The Town is requesting the following from all water users:

<u>No outside watering during the first week of construction (5-7 days)</u>. This will be critical to conserving water. Those who are found using water outside during this time will have their water service shut off. Following the initial week of construction; water users will be asked to continue to conserve water while we begin to capture water to recharge our water tanks and distribution system.

Help us keep you informed! The timing of this project is not set in stone and may change; and we would like to inform you of these changes as quickly as possible. Please update your contact information with the Town Clerk's Office and Delta County so that we can alert you to changes as the construction progresses. Town employees are available to answer questions at (970) 921-4725, or speak with your elected, Board of Trustee member for additional information.

Please be conscious of how you are using water. If you have a leak, please have it repaired. If you have been advised by the Town about a leak and fail to repair it, your water service can be shut off until the leak is repaired.

Thank you in advance for your help! If we all work to conserve water during this period everyone should have enough for their needs. Thank you in advance for your conservation efforts! Once completed, this project will result in a more reliable water supply into the future.

Sincerely,

Town of Crawford Board of Trustees and Public Works Director, Bruce Bair

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WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

This is also a good opportunity to evaluate your state of preparedness for an emergency; which includes storing water. It is recommended to store at least 1 gallon of water per person per day for a minimum of three days.

Some additional tips for conserving water outside include watering in-ground plants in the early morning and water plants in containers in the afternoon. Leave your grass longer when you cut it, this helps to hold in the moisture and slows water evaporation. Add mulch around plants to help slow water evaporation. Here are a few more tips for conserving water around the home:

- Always turn taps off tightly so they do not drip.
- Repair any leaks in and around your taps. (One leak can waste several thousand gallons of water per year.)
- Use an aerator and/or a water flow-reducer attachment on your tap to reduce your water usage.
- When hand-washing dishes, never run water continuously. Wash dishes in a partially filled sink and then rinse them using the spray attachment on your tap.
- If you have an electric dishwasher, use it only to wash full loads, and use the shortest cycle possible. Many dishwashers have a conserver/water-miser cycle.
- When brushing your teeth, turn the water off while you are actually brushing. Use short bursts of water for cleaning your brush. (This saves about 80% of the water normally used.)
- When washing or shaving, partially fill the sink and use that water rather than running the tap continuously. (This saves about 60% of the water normally used.) Use short bursts of water to clean razors.
- Reduce the number of showers or time in the shower and consider using either low-flow shower heads or adjustable flow-reducer devices on your shower heads. (They reduce flow by at least 25%.)
- You can reduce water usage by 40% to 50% by installing low-flush toilets.
- Wash only full loads in your washing machine.
- Use the shortest cycle possible for washing clothes, and use the "suds-saver" feature if your machine has
 one.
- Water during the cool part of the day, in the morning or evening. Do not water on windy days.
- Consider flushing your toilet every other use, or just when needed.
- Do not over-water in anticipation of a shortage. Soil cannot store extra water.