

City of Weslaco

"The City on the Grow"



David Suarez, Mayor
John F. Cuellar, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 2
David R. Fox, Commissioner, District 1
Olga M. Noriega, Commissioner, District 3
Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla, Commissioner, District 4
Lupe V. Rivera, Commissioner, District 5
Fidel Pena III, Commissioner, District 6

Leonardo Olivares, City Manager

Situation Report

Updated:

August 25, 2014

Contact:

David Salinas
956.973.3146

Water Demand Exceed Supply for 2 Hours

On August 23, Weslaco's Water Treatment Plant (WTP) began experiencing above average water consumption and corresponding reduction in water pressure. Public Utility Department (PUD) employees immediately began reviewing WTP operations to identify any treatment and/or distribution issues which may have impacted supply. Although a minor issue regarding filling the Milano elevated water tower was discovered, this did not significantly impact water supply. Interconnects with North Alamo Water Supply and the City of Mercedes were activated to increase water supply in Weslaco. No water treatment nor distribution issues were identified, and water pressure continued to meet Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) standards.

On the evening of August 24, higher than average demand on the WTP resulted in water pressure in the distribution system falling below the minimum state standard of 20 pounds per square inch (PSI). Although the low pressure lasted only two hours, state regulations require a Boiled Water Notice be sent to ensure the public does not experience any health issues.

Water pressure has been restored and the PUD continues to monitor to ensure minimum standards are continually met.

- Water samples have been taken and are expected tomorrow morning.
- The Boiled Water Notice will remain in effect until results are confirmed.
- The PUD is working on placing a high-service pump at the WTP to increase water supply. This is expected to be operational in 24 hours.
- Stage 2 Water Conservation efforts remain in effect.

--END --