

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is an update to the operations at the City of La Grulla Water Plant. The reservoir at the water plant is currently operating a level that is lower than normal. This is due to poor conditions at the river. The intake pipes at the river structure have experienced some obstruction due to a high level of algae and other plants that are native to the river's edge. This has reduced the amount of water coming into the reservoir, which has resulted in the low water level. City workers conducted routine maintenance at the river station yesterday and we have seen an improvement in the flow of water to the reservoir. Another issue is that one of the pumps at the river has broken down due to normal wear and tear and it is currently being repaired. We expect that pump to be back in service by early next week. Once both pumps are working, we will increase the amount of water flowing into the reservoir.

There has been some misinformation put out to the public regarding this issue. There is an individual that has set out to alarm the public about the low water level at the reservoir. He is claiming that the contractors for the border wall project are using too much water and therefore causing the low water levels. This is not true. The border wall construction project has nothing to do with the low water levels at the reservoir. The construction company for the border wall has a water meter issued by the City of La Grulla. They have opened a water account with the city and they are paying for the water they use. This individual is misinformed and is creating controversy where there is none.

Another item to report is that we continue to rehabilitate the filters at the water plant. Filter No. 2 is almost complete and we expect it to go back online by next week. We have begun work on Filter No. 4 and expect that to be complete in about two to three weeks. As these filters go back online we can produce more water that will ease the water shortages that we experienced during the summer.

Please be assured that your city officials are doing everything possible to continue to operate the water plant at optimum levels.

I am at your service, always.

Macario Villarreal, III
Mayor