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PRESS RELEASE

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EMPIRE, Colo. -

The Town's Water Treatment System continues to not be able to produce enough water to meet system demands. Currently the water flow on Madd Creek, the current water source, is averaging ~35 GPM. Under normal usage and conditions, this would be adequate to meet the system needs and demands.

The leak or leaks have not been located. Multiple contractors are continuing to search the water treatment system for this leak. Residents and businesses continue to report no water and/or low pressure. While this is an extraordinary inconvenience, it is not a threat to public safety and temporary while additional measures are being implemented. The water system continues to be treated and tested with no bacterial outbreaks. Please continue to monitor the Town's website and social media for accurate and up-to-date information.

An emergency declaration has been made to assist with resources and seeking funding. CoWARN (Colorado's Water/Wastewater Agency Response) has been activated and is assisting. Denver Water is sending crews to assist in leak detection and water distribution. Additional volunteers will be assisting in delivery of two (2) cases of water to every housing unit in town. The Clear Creek County Salvation Army is providing shower vouchers for residents (flyer attached).

The new filtration system being added to the old well arrived on Tuesday. Engineers and crews have begun fabricating the system for installation to begin on Monday. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment approved the design today.

Currently a water tanker is available for residents to fill containers. The tanker is parked at Theobold Park, 52 E. Park Ave. (HWY 40). The Town has limited 5-gallon Deep Rock water containers available but requests residents with other containers bring them to assist in equitable water availability being dispersed to all neighbors. Additional bottles of drinking water and gallon jugs are available in limited quantities to assist in conserving water drawn from the treatment system.

This water emergency only affects the residents and businesses inside the Town of Empire. Water is available at Theobold Park and Town Hall daily 8 AM - 5 PM. Please do not call 911 unless you have an emergency. Non-emergent questions, comments, requests, please contact Chief John Stein via cell # 303-257-1422 or Town Hall at 303-569-2978.

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