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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ELEVATED *E. COLI* BACTERIA LEVELS AND PRECAUTIONARY SWIM ADVISORY

Date: **September 15, 2026**

Location: **Walleye Park, Lake Cypress Springs, Texas**

This Notice is a supplement to that certain “Notice of Elevated *E. Coli* Bacteria Levels and Swim Advisory,” issued by the Franklin County Water District (“FCWD”) on September 4, 2026.

FCWD’s third-party consultant, Water Monitoring Solutions, Inc. (“WMS”), completed a follow-up resampling event and collected water samples at the same ten (10) locations around Lake Cypress Springs (the “Lake”) to assess and document changes in *E. coli* bacteria levels.

LAB RESULTS INDICATE THAT THE *E. COLI* BACTERIA LEVELS AT WALLEYE PARK REMAIN SLIGHTLY ELEVATED—172 MPN PER 100 ML—BUT HAVE DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE PREVIOUSLY MEASURED LEVELS OF 435 MPN PER 100 ML. WMS believes that the elevated *E. coli* bacteria levels at Walleye Park may be attributable to the presence of waterfowl in the area, coupled with the extreme heat and low water levels. All other locations around the Lake remain at or below normal *E. coli* bacteria levels, consistent with the results from September 4, 2026.

While the current *E. coli* bacteria levels at Walleye Park are below the applicable single-sample criterion of 399 MPN per 100mL for primary contact recreation, FCWD, out of an abundance of caution, strongly advises as follows until further notice:

- **EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN PARTICIPATING IN PRIMARY CONTACT RECREATION AT, NEAR, OR AROUND WALLEYE PARK.** Exercise caution when participating in recreational activities that could result in the total submersion of the head underwater or the accidental ingestion of Lake water, including swimming, wading, water skiing, diving, tubing, surfing, and handfishing.
- **SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK AT, NEAR, OR AROUND WALLEYE PARK.** If you choose to enter the Lake, you do so AT YOUR SOLE AND ABSOLUTE RISK.
- DO NOT drink or ingest Lake water and DO NOT swim in the Lake if you have open cuts, sores, or a weakened immune system, as doing so increases the risk of illness and/or infection.

Please be advised that voluntary entry into or upon the Lake or any other District Property, including, but not limited to, Walleye Park, by any party shall be at the SOLE AND ABSOLUTE RISK of such entering party and shall constitute an express waiver and release of all claims against FCWD, same to include its Board of Directors, agents, representatives, employees, and contractors, for any and all injuries, damages, or losses. FCWD shall not be liable to any party for any injury, damage, or loss of any kind or nature whatsoever.

FCWD will continue to actively monitor and test the water at the Lake. This Notice will remain in full force and effect until subsequent laboratory samples indicate that the precautionary measures outlined hereinabove are no longer warranted and the *E. coli* bacteria levels have returned to safe, acceptable limits across the entire Lake.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.