



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Andrew Binz, Parks and Community Services Director

**Parks & Recreation
Commission Meeting
Date:** August 28, 2023

Agenda Item Wording: Update and possible discussion on the drought and irrigation issues at Sports & Recreation Park and Founders Memorial Park.

Agenda Item Requestor: Andrew Binz, Parks and Community Services Director

Summary/Background:

On July 24, 2023, the Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation declared Stage 4 Watering Restrictions in Effect. The City and DSYSA received administrative approval for a Variance through the Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation to water the athletic fields at Founders Memorial Park and Sports and Recreation Park on Tuesdays and Friday from midnight to 6:00 am. This reduced the water use for the athletic fields by 30%.

At the August 21st Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation Board meeting, the City and DSYSA requested an extension to the previously approved variance. This was approved for another 30 days.

Due to the cracks already forming on some of the athletic fields, DSYSA will be closing some fields and concentrating their watering efforts on those fields that do not have any cracks on them.

Staff No recommendation at this time.

Recommendations:

Attachments: Drought and Irrigation Issues Power Point

Next Steps/Schedule: Staff will continue to explore temporary solutions and plan on requesting another variance from the Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation at their September meeting if needed.

