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RE: Level 1 Drought Response Declaration

Dear EPD Permit Holder:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has been monitoring climatic indicators and water supply conditions to assess drought and severity, as directed by the Rules for Drought Management, Chapter 391-3-30. Some areas of Georgia are facing persistently dry conditions.

As EPD Director, because of these conditions, I am declaring a Level 1 Drought Response for 53 Georgia counties for permittees using surface and/or groundwater. This declaration applies to your area. (Map of affected counties enclosed.)

A Level 1 Drought Response requires that public water systems implement a public information campaign that shall include, at a minimum, public notice regarding drought conditions and drought-specific public service messages in one or more of the following ways: newspaper advertisements, bill inserts, website homepage, social media, and notices in public libraries. Implementation of this campaign should begin within five days of receipt of this letter.

A Level 1 Drought Response public information campaign should:

- Target all commercial and residential water use, not just outdoor watering; and
- Emphasize what customers should do and what they may do to be good stewards of our water resources. It should not focus on what they can't do.
- Examples of things to emphasize that residents should do include the following:
 - Regularly check for, and repair, leaks inside and outside their home.
 - Don't leave the tap running. When shaving, brushing teeth, washing face, turn off the tap.
 - Only water your landscape when necessary and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.



EPD LEVEL 1 DROUGHT DECLARATION

October 19, 2016

Due to drought conditions in 53 Georgia Counties to include Cobb County, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Director declared a Level 1 Drought for these counties to include the City of Powder Springs. A Level 1 Drought Declaration requires the City of Powder Springs to notify its citizens of these drought conditions and on ways to conserve water to be good stewards of our water resources. The Level 1 Drought Declaration will remain in place until further notice at the discretion of the EPD Director.

The Water Stewardship Act of 2010 remains in place statewide. This law allows daily outdoor water use year-round between 4 pm and 10 am. during non-drought conditions and limited watering on specific days during drought conditions. There are exceptions to restrictions such as new plantings, commercial raising, harvesting, etc. For more information, please see Article 11-29 in the City of Powder Spring Code of Ordinances.

To conserve water, citizens are strongly encouraged to employ the following measures to conserve water:

- Repair leaks inside and outside of your home promptly
- Do not leave tap water running. When shaving, brushing your teeth, washing your face, turn off the tap water.
- Only water your landscape when necessary and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.

Working together, we can conserve water and be good stewards of our resources.

Updates to this notice and specific restrictions or water conservation measures will be published regularly on our website and once a month in the Marietta Daily Journal.

Thank You,

The City of Powder Springs

- For example, the following activities may be done at any time of day under a Drought Response Level 1:
 - Irrigation of personal food gardens may be done at any time of day;
 - Irrigation of new and replanted plant, seed, or turf may be done at any time of day for 30 days after installation;
 - Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses may be done at any time of day; and
 - Handwatering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container may be done at any time of day.
- General landscape watering may be done between 4pm and 10am each day.
- More water conservation information is available at <http://epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation>.

The Rules for Drought Management are available at <http://rules.sos.ga.gov/gac/391-3-30>. A public report on current climatic indicators, prepared pursuant to the rule, is available at <http://epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation>.

If you have any further questions, please contact Bennett Weinstein at 404-651-5155 or Gail Cowie at 404-657-5739. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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