



To: Administrative Control Board
From: Lisa Hoffman, AGM
Date: April 18, 2024
Subject: 2024 Drought Response Recommendation

Action Requested

District staff recommends adoption of a Drought Response Level 1, Normal, for the 2024 irrigation season.

Background

Per the District’s Drought Response Plan, *“The District General Manager will provide a Drought Level recommendation to the Board annually, during the April Board meeting, and direct enforcement activities for the District.”*

Below are the District’s six drought response levels:

Drought Response Level	Water Shortage Description
1	Normal
2	Advisory
3	Moderate
4	Severe
5	Extreme
6	Exceptional

Due to the record-breaking snowfall Utah received last winter and the continued above-average snowfall received this winter, the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (WBWCD) is not implementing restrictions this irrigation season, District staff recommends following WBWCD with a Drought Response Level of 1, Normal.

District staff will continue to educate customers on conservation practices through the District’s Landscape Lawn Exchange Program, Utah’s RainHarvest Rain Barrel Program, and follow the objectives as outlined in the Drought Response Plan for a Level 1 or 2, and listed below:



Overview of Tactics & Approaches for Meeting Demand Reduction Targets

- a. Level 1 & 2 Objective (Normal & Advisory): Build a Presence
 - o District Actions:
 - General Communication (mailers, communication with the media):
 - Publish the latest U.S. Drought Monitor results
 - Promote an awareness of the arid nature of Park City (for example, Utah is the second driest state in the U.S.)
 - Provide water use reduction tips and savings
 - Connect conservation with energy savings
 - Highlight available incentive programs
 - Conduct Public Service Announcements (PSA), Radio Interviews during Drinking Water Week
 - Share what the District is doing to conserve (ex. leak detection)
 - Water Audits:
 - Establish a program to work with highest water users
 - Include assessment from a trained professional which covers appropriate usage for current landscape, setting of clocks, recommendations for landscape changes for reduced water loss. District provides in depth review of usage and billing through end of irrigation season.
 - Education:
 - Annual Water Fair for 4th Grade students in Summit County school districts
 - Consider a conservation based open house/fair; include industry professionals, local partners, etc.
 - o Customer Actions:
 - Minimize irrigated area
 - Make drought tolerant landscape choices in irrigated areas
 - Monitor usage using the EyeOnWater® (<https://www.eyeonwater.com/signin>) meter application
 - Install water efficient fixtures in your home
 - Consider a District or third-party water audit
 - Landscape irrigation restricted to designated watering days and times