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### **DROUGHT UPDATE/RATECHANGE**

As the severe drought persists in Utah, Governor Cox has again issued an executive order on April 21, 2022 declaring a State of Emergency throughout Utah. 100 % of the state is either in moderate or extreme drought and 2021 was again one of the hottest and driest summers on record.

Also, the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (WBWCD) has notified water companies that in response to the **ONGOING HISTORIC DROUGHT** conditions, outdoor watering restrictions are likely this summer. HVWC has water supply contracts with the WBWCD and reductions they mandate can determine drought response from HVWC.

This season's snowpack was well below average and soil moisture is at an all-time low. We believe taking action is now critical. It is imperative to make water conservation part of your daily life.

With that information in mind we ask that you **delay watering** until June 1<sup>st</sup>. Reset your sprinklers frequently as power surges, seasonal weather conditions and plant size should be accounted for. For the summer of 2022 the watering schedule is as follows but is subject to change if needed.

All addresses on :

**Highland Drive Silver Sage Drive Countryside Circle WEDNESDAY FRIDAY SUNDAY**

**Fairview Mountainview Starview Snowview Drives TUESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY**

There should be no watering on Monday. Please **do not** water between 6AM and 10PM. If you begin watering early in the spring, your lawn will not send its roots down. Shallow roots, typically caused by overwatering, produce unhealthy grass. The deeper the roots the more healthy the grass and the easier it is to maintain. Later, if you adjust your mower height to at least 2.5 to 4 inches this will encourage deeper roots and shade the soil. Or, consider xeriscape as an alternative to water thirsty grass.

Please be aware that even a small leak can waste a tremendous amount of water. Closely monitor your toilets, fixtures, water softeners and appliances for leaks. Timely repairs can save you a lot of money in overage fees while preventing significant water resources being wasted.

On the back of this letter are several practices and resources available to conserve water. We hope that these might increase shareholder's involvement in our ongoing efforts to conserve water. We will continue to monitor the drought situation and provide updates as they become necessary.

- Postpone new landscape projects until a wetter year
- Don't use water to wash driveways and sidewalks
- Reduce shower time
- LocalScapes.com – free online classes on water wise outdoor design
- Slowtheflow.org – resources and information
- Conservewater.utah.gov – information on water conservation

### **RATE CHANGE**

The HVWC has worked hard over the past year to improve our water system. The Master Plan completed by the Sunrise Engineering Group last summer recommended upsizing all 4" lines and the installation of 2 Pressure Reducing Values. This plan was overwhelmingly approved by shareholder vote. We then pursued funding and were very pleased to learn that the State of Utah Division of Drinking (DDW) Water was able to offer HVWC a 20 YEAR, **NO INTEREST**, loan of \$1,659,000 and **PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS (GRANT) OF \$1,650,000**, NEARLY ½ OF THE REQUIRED FUNDING. The company's investment in the infrastructure improvements was a wise, forward thinking decision but, beginning this summer, must be paid for and will result in rate increases.

The board has spent many hours with Janell Braithwaite of the Rural Water Assn looking at rate schedules. HVWC has not changed rates since 2008. Now, in order to ensure repayment of the loan to the DDW, we are adopting a new rate schedule. If you would like to see how the new rates have been reached, you may attend the next monthly board meeting on May 25, Wednesday 6:45pm at the Basin Recreation Fieldhouse. Janell Braithwaite will be in attendance as well.

Please visit for answers to questions you might have, or feel free to contact us per below:

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