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Portsmouth Water Division Requests Voluntary Water Restrictions

PORTSMOUTH, NH – The Department of Public Works – Water Division is issuing the attached Water Supply Status Report to inform Portsmouth Water Division customers of the current water supply conditions.

Customers are currently being advised to be efficient with their use of water for irrigation and to refrain from watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The current Status Report notes that this is the ninth consecutive month with less than average precipitation and the fourth year that the rolling average has been below normal. Recent weather conditions have been very dry and irrigation demands on the water system are at levels that generally don't occur until July or August each year. While, potential rainfall is in the forecast, it will take a considerable amount of rainfall to make up for the current deficit.

“Our water system is currently keeping up with demand, however, if dry conditions persist the Water Division may consider issuing additional restrictions on non-essential water use in the future. They could include odd/even or two-days/week watering schedules,” expressed Brian Goetz, Deputy Director of Public Works. “Public participation in simple practices such as limiting outdoor water use during the daytime and only watering when necessary will be helpful in alleviating water demands.”

In addition to the water conservation status, customers can find information regarding the customer water demand, precipitation levels, groundwater levels, river flows, reservoir levels and water supply capabilities on the City website. Customers can read the full report and details behind the current supply status at:

www.Cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks (click on “water”).

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