



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-6-17-B

DROUGHT RESPONSE: IMPLEMENTING WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

Be it resolved by the Board of the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (Hereafter the “District”):

WHEREAS, the governor has recognized, and the facts demonstrate, that extreme drought conditions exist in the state and Iron County;

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, Governor Spencer Cox issued Executive Order 2021-13 declaring a state of emergency due to drought conditions;

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2021, the governor directed all state facilities to cut their outdoor watering to twice a week and asked municipalities, businesses and property owners to follow suit.

WHEREAS, these drought conditions are expected to persist, increasing and prolonging the threat of wildfire and adversely impacting agribusiness and livestock production, and wildlife and natural habitats;

WHEREAS, Iron County over the past 18 months has received 12.33 inches of precipitation, the least amount on record since 1897; the average is 22.24 inches.

WHEREAS, the primary source of water for agriculture and drinking water comes from the underground aquifer which dropped on average by 6 feet last year and is expected to exceed that next year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District of the state of Utah acknowledges the status of the water conditions in Cedar Valley and the state of emergency due to drought conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the District encourage its community members and stakeholders including Cedar City, Enoch City, Kanarrville Town, Iron County School District and Iron County to follow the State and limit water usage to two times a week on turf.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the District urge its community members and stakeholders to adopt a drought response committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the District continually conduct and increase its free water consultation program “Water Check” and encourage its community members to schedule the service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the District urge its community members and stakeholders to follow state prioritization measures of watering 1) Trees 2) Shrubs 3) Perennials 4) Annuals and 5) Turf Grass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District staff work with stakeholders to review areas of turf that is not played on, or laid on which can be converted to xeriscape and during this drought not irrigated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the District encourage its stake holders to review water ordinances and landscape ordinances including: eliminating turf in park strips, and create water smart landscapes during development and the utilization of tools such as LocalScapes and rebates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the District continue to investigate ways to adopt restrictions and prohibitions on the delivery and consumption of water within the service area so that the water supply can be conserved for the greater public benefit. To comply with State regulations and to prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water and to promote water conservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions, and parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith be hereby repealed. This resolution is hereby passed and adopted by the District on the 17th day of June 2021, and will take effect in resolutions with the terms set forth herein.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the District Council of the District, Iron County, State of Utah, this 17th day of June, 2021.



Brent Hunter, Chairman

Roll Call was taken:

Tyler Allred- Aye
David Harris- Aye
Terri Hartley- Aye
Brent Hunter- Aye
Joel Myers- Aye
Tyler Melling- Aye
Spencer Jones- Absent