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## TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

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**AGENDA DATE:** April 15, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2024-20: Adoption of Level 2 Drought Condition Water Conservation Measures

**ACTION PROPOSED:** Consider Resolution 2024-20: Adoption of Level 2 Drought Condition Water Conservation Measures

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution 2024-20

**PRESENTED BY:** Ellen Hilbig, Utilities Director

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### AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is Resolution 2024-20 to adopt Level 2 drought condition water conservation measures. The Town has sufficient water for the community, however until construction is completed on the new 12MGD water treatment plant, the current 6MGD water treatment plant during periods of peak demand is challenged to keep up with the summer irrigation demands.

The implementation of a summer watering schedule under Level 2 drought conditions is critical to mitigating the peak summer irrigation water demand impacts on operations at the current water treatment plant while the new water plant is being constructed.

The Town of Johnstown Municipal Code states the following:

Sec. 13-151. - Levels of drought condition.

*(a) There shall be three (3) separate levels of drought conditions as detailed below. The Town Council's decision to determine a restriction level shall be based upon the following criteria:*

4. Peak water demand usage that may impact the Town's ability to provide adequate water supply and fire flows to the water distribution system; and
5. Any other relevant factor that affects the Town's available water supply.

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Level 2 drought conditions are more clearly defined in the attached resolution. While the current watering limits in the code for Level 2 drought conditions provide for only 2 days per week, Staff is recommending starting with the suggested watering schedule in the below table of 3 days per week.

Home	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Even Number			X		X		X
Odd Number		X		X		X	

Operations is working to make irrigation adjustments and efficiencies in the Town’s Parks to mitigate peak flow impacts at the treatment plant. There may be a future need to implement stricter watering requirements, as the Town closely monitors the water demands and seasonal weather impacts to the treatment volumes at the plant.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

- Quality Infrastructure & Facilities
  - *Establish and maintain levels of service.*
  - *Ensure future viability of infrastructure and facilities.*

**LEGAL ADVICE:**

The Town Attorney reviewed and approved the drafted resolution.

**FINANCIAL ADVICE:**

NA

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2024-20 adopting Level 2 Drought Condition Water Conservation Measures.

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**SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

**For Approval:** I Move to Approve Resolution 2024-20 Adoption of Level 2 Drought Condition Water Conservation Measures.

**For Denial:** I Move to Deny Resolution 2024-20 Adoption of Level 2 Drought Condition Water Conservation Measures.

*Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,*



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Town Manager