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Memorandum

To: Mayor & Council

From: David Reynolds

Re: Agenda Item: Discussion of New Castle Drought Policy

Date: 2/3/26

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to review the Town's current Drought Plan Policy and receive input from Town staff regarding proposed updates. Over the past several weeks, Public Works Director John Wenzel has worked closely with the Utility Department team to evaluate the existing Drought Plan and develop recommended revisions. Through this process, several opportunities for improvement were identified, staff will present suggested changes for Council discussion and direction.

With regional drought conditions continuing through the winter season, along with increasing demand for both potable and irrigation water, updating the Town's Drought Plan will be an important component of the Town's ongoing efforts to manage water resources responsibly.