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STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date:	February 13 th , 2024.
Agenda Title:	Lifting of the Drought Watch Advisory
Requested Action:	Repeal Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Declare a Water Emergency
Department / Agency Lead:	Town Council
Staff Lead:	Stephen Clough, CMC, Town Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has lifted the Drought Watch in our area. As conditions have improved, it is no longer necessary to maintain the authorization of the Town Council for the Town Manager to Declare a Water Emergency.

BACKGROUND

At the September 7th, 2023, Special Town Council meeting, due to the drought conditions at the time the Town Council passed a resolution that would authorize the Town Manager to declare a water emergency.

On January 9th, 2024, The Virginia Drought Monitoring Task Force released a drought status report recommending a lifting of the Drought Watch for our Area.

A Drought Advisory Update from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality announced the lifting of the drought advisory throughout much of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

With the lifting of the drought conditions, the authorization to declare a water emergency passed on September 7th, 2023, is no longer necessary. Staff recommends removing the authority at this time.

Service Level/Collaborative Impact

Water service is no longer directly impacted by the drought conditions.

Policy Direction/Warrenton Plan 2040

CF-4: *Ensure healthy, safe, adequate water and wastewater services.*

Fiscal Impact

No additional Fiscal Impact is expected at this time.

Legal Impact

No additional Legal impact is expected at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution- Drought Conditions Currently affecting the Town and the Impact on Water Resources Signed
2. Drought Advisory Update
3. DMTFS Summary Report 01092024
4. Resolution-