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Hickory and the entire Catawba-Wateree Group recommends voluntary conservation of wise outdoor water use as basin's drought conditions improve to LIP

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HICKORY - The Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG) announced this week that improvement of groundwater and streamflow conditions have lessened the basin's drought to a Low Inflow

In accordance with LIP guidelines, the CW-DMAG recommends that its members encourage customers to continue using water wisely and to convey to utility customers that outdoor water use for lawn and landscape irrigation, vehicle washing, is rarely needed more than two days a week. Local water suppliers will provide guidance specific to their jurisdictions.

Water suppliers in the Upper Catawba River Basin that are working together and taking the same measures are: Claremont, Town of Catawba, Brookford, Long View, Maiden, Mountain View community in Catawba County, Alexander County (Highway 16 area, Sugarloaf and Bethlehem), Burke County, Alpine, Drexel, Valdese, Connelly Springs, Rhodhiss, Brentwood Water Corporation, Triple Community Water Corporation, Rutherford College Water Corporation, Caldwell County, Lenoir, Hudson, Granite Falls, Sawmills and Battleground.

Water providers in the area will discontinue mandatory restrictions and ask customers to continue to conserve. The City of Hickory is requesting all customers to participate in voluntary conservation measures with the goal of three to five percent. Measures to achieve this goal include outside watering no more than two times per week, applying one-inch per week, turn off water while brushing your teeth and repair leaking faucets and/or toilets to meet and continue the three to five percent water use reduction goal until further notice.

In addition, the City of Hickory requests that citizens, businesses and professional pressure washer companies call (828) 323-7427 to give times, dates and places of when pressure washing will be done.

"We're thankful for the improved conditions," said City of Hickory Assistant Public Services Director Greg Padgett. "At the same time we remain watchful as conditions can change quickly during the spring and summer season. We've done a great job in conserving water during mandatory restrictions, and we are sure they will continue to do so."

Water providers in the area are recommending customers continue the practice of watering their lawns with the goal of limiting residential car washing as much as possible on a voluntary basis.

The CW-DMAG will continue to review drought conditions regularly and re-evaluate recommendations as conditions improve in spring.

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