

**Steamboat Lake Water and Sanitation District
Summer 2012**

Dear District Members,

In what has now become a severe drought in Routt County and around the West, the Board of Directors is very concerned about our water supply. We have reviewed our Rules and Regulations, Section 7, on Water Conservation, and you will find it in it's entirety on the back of this letter. We urge you to read and follow the regulations.

Our water supply is derived from three ground-water wells, a critical component being the new well that was brought on line only three years ago. We are hopeful that we will be able to provide for the needs of District members as long as water conservation measures are followed.

One sensitive issue is that of landscaping. We appreciate that District Members have kept special landscaping around their homes, including lawns, to a minimum. Watering of outside landscaping will always take a back seat to providing domestic water for your daily needs and access to water for the Fire Department. As you are aware, communities and towns all around us are implementing strict water regulations, and we are trying our best to keep regulations to a minimum. We would like to bring your attention especially to Section 8.2b of the Rules and Regs. It says that *watering of lawns and landscaping is limited to hand-held devices*. Needless to say, sprinkler systems and water wands attached to the ends of hoses are **not** hand-held devices and simply cannot be allowed in this severe drought.

We are relying on your sense of responsibility as community members to continue to conserve water at every opportunity. As of this writing we have not implemented any special water restrictions, but this could change at any moment. If so, we will post restrictions on signs at the entrances to Beaver Canyon, Neptune and Miners Dream Drive.

Thank you in advance for your efforts. In addition, please do all you can to follow recommendations from our Fire Safety professionals to mitigate wildfire hazards, to prepare evacuation lists, plans and telephone contacts. There are still four long months ahead before we can expect snow!

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7 WATER CONSERVATION

- 7.1 Water supply in the Steamboat Lake Water & Sanitation District is a resource that requires careful conservation. We use approximately three times more water in the summer than we do during the winter, and need to protect our resources carefully.
- 7.2 Water use regulations are as follows:
- a. All District members are encouraged to keep landscaping around their homes to a minimum and to utilize xeroscape planting at all times. Installation of sod for creating lawns is not permitted.
 - b. Watering of lawns and landscaping is limited to hand-held devices.
 - c. Water devices such as hot tubs, swimming pools and water slides must have recycling devices.
 - d. Washing of motor vehicles and boats is not permitted.
- In cases of non-compliance, a penalty of \$100.00 per occurrence will be implemented and subject to District collection procedures.
- 7.3 **Watering Restrictions**
A watering restriction may be instituted at the sole discretion of the Board as needed. Specific restrictions will be communicated to District members by signs posted at the three major entries to the Willow Creek Pass Subdivision.
In cases of non-compliance, emergency water restrictions will carry a penalty of \$100.00 per occurrence and will be subject to District collection procedures.
- 7.4 Special Use Permits for watering of new lawns during periods of water restriction may be issued at the sole discretion of the Board. Homeowners wishing to petition the District for a special watering permit may do so in writing to SLWSD PO Box 690, Clark CO 80428. Written requests should state the use, times and duration requested and will be considered on an individual basis at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.