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RE: Early Irrigation Water Shutoff for 2021

Greetings,

As many of you may already know the Treasure Valley is experiencing drought conditions and irrigation water will be shutoff early for the 2021 irrigation season. Based on Pioneer Irrigation Districts current storage report, effective Wednesday July 14, 2021 all deliveries will be reduced to 70%. This reduction in delivery is hoped to stretch the available irrigation water to reach a September 7th shutoff date. Additional reductions may be necessary and the shutoff date is subject to change.

With Caldwell Municipal Irrigation Districts (CMID) deliveries being cut to 70% all pump stations will be reduced to 70% delivery capacity. The City is issuing this letter in advance of the shut off so all developers/contractors can adequately plan water usage & construction activities in a manner that will accommodate the currently reduced water allotment and early shutoff. Due to the early shutoff date the City anticipates that developers and contractors may desire to utilize the City's domestic water system to supplement their projects irrigation water needs for things such as dust mitigation, PI system pressure testing, watering of landscaping, etc. The City highly recommends that all projects take into consideration the current reduction of irrigation water delivery, the known early shutoff date and your projects proposed time frames for installing any landscaping that requires irrigation water. It is advised that you avoid the installation of landscaping between the date of this letter & spring of 2022, when irrigation water again becomes available and the supply is no longer an issue. **The City of Caldwell will not allow any potable/domestic water to be used for irrigation purposes.** Persons/companies found utilizing the potable water system for purposes outside of domestic uses may be subject to fines and penalties.

Dust Mitigation: It is common practice to fill water trucks from domestic fire hydrants to mitigate the dust at construction sites. At this time, the City requests that all developers and contractors strive to minimize the amount of water removed from fire hydrants. Failure to reduce usage may result in further regulation and reduction of potable water availability from hydrants. All projects are still required to comply with EPA/DEQ construction site control measures (CGP/SWPPP). Consider some alternate dust control measures: (1) phase construction to minimize bare ground exposure, (2) apply tacifier, mulch, gravel, or soil binders, (3) street sweep regularly, and (4) cover stockpiles to prevent wind erosion.

At this time the City of Caldwell respectfully requests your company's diligent oversight of your projects, landscaping installation, dust mitigation and the overall demand to the City's potable water system once irrigation water is no longer available.

We would like to sincerely thank you for your help during this drought and heat wave.

Regards,

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