



White City Water Improvement District

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

IT'S HOT AND DRY AND DROUGHT NEWS IS ALL AROUND US

Governor Cox has issued three executive orders relating to the ongoing drought affecting 90%+ of the State of Utah. According to the Utah Division of Water Resources website 2020 was the driest year on record and one of the hottest. This led to dry soils. Therefore, when 2020-2021 winter snowpack in the mountains (measuring only 81% of normal) melted the water went increasingly into the dry soil and not into streams and rivers relied upon to fill the State reservoirs. The Division report that streams and rivers are flowing at less than 50% of normal and reservoir levels are 15% lower than this time last year. Indeed, 21 of the State's 42 largest reservoirs are below 55% of capacity.

FORTUNATELY, WCWID IS NOT DEPENDENT UPON SURFACE WATER SUPPLIES

Although the drought news is discouraging, customers of the White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID"), are well positioned to deal with the drought. **THIS IS BECAUSE WCWID WATER SUPPLY COMES FROM UNDERGROUND WELLS.** The wells draw water from what is the best aquifer in the Salt Lake Valley. Groundwater supplies are more drought resilient than surface water supplies because aquifers recharge from water absorbed in the soils. In that regard, "water" is never truly "lost". It simply goes underground, flows into streams and rivers, or evaporates into the air where the water cycle starts over again. The key is to know where it is and work to put it to beneficial use.

BE WISE IN YOUR WATER USE

The other important key is not to "waste" water. Thus, WCWID emphasizes Wise Water Use. For example, water your lawns in the cooler temperatures of the evening and early morning. Watering in the heat of the day or on windy days leads to increase evaporation and is less effective. **Consequently, WCWID urges you to not use your sprinklers between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM.** Also, don't let your lawns and outdoor vegetation wither and die off or it will take more water to resurrect parched grass, trees, and plants, than to give them water on a regular and consistent basis. This does not mean you have to water every day. Most plants and grass can survive and do well if they are watered every other day. Also, grow your grass taller. **Set your blades at 3-4 inches. Taller grass means deeper roots that can access water that is deeper in the soil. Tall grass also shades roots and soil to reduce evaporation loss.** In short - BE WISE.

WCWID SERVES CUSTOMERS IN SANDY CITY, WHITE CITY AND UNINCORPORATED COUNTY.

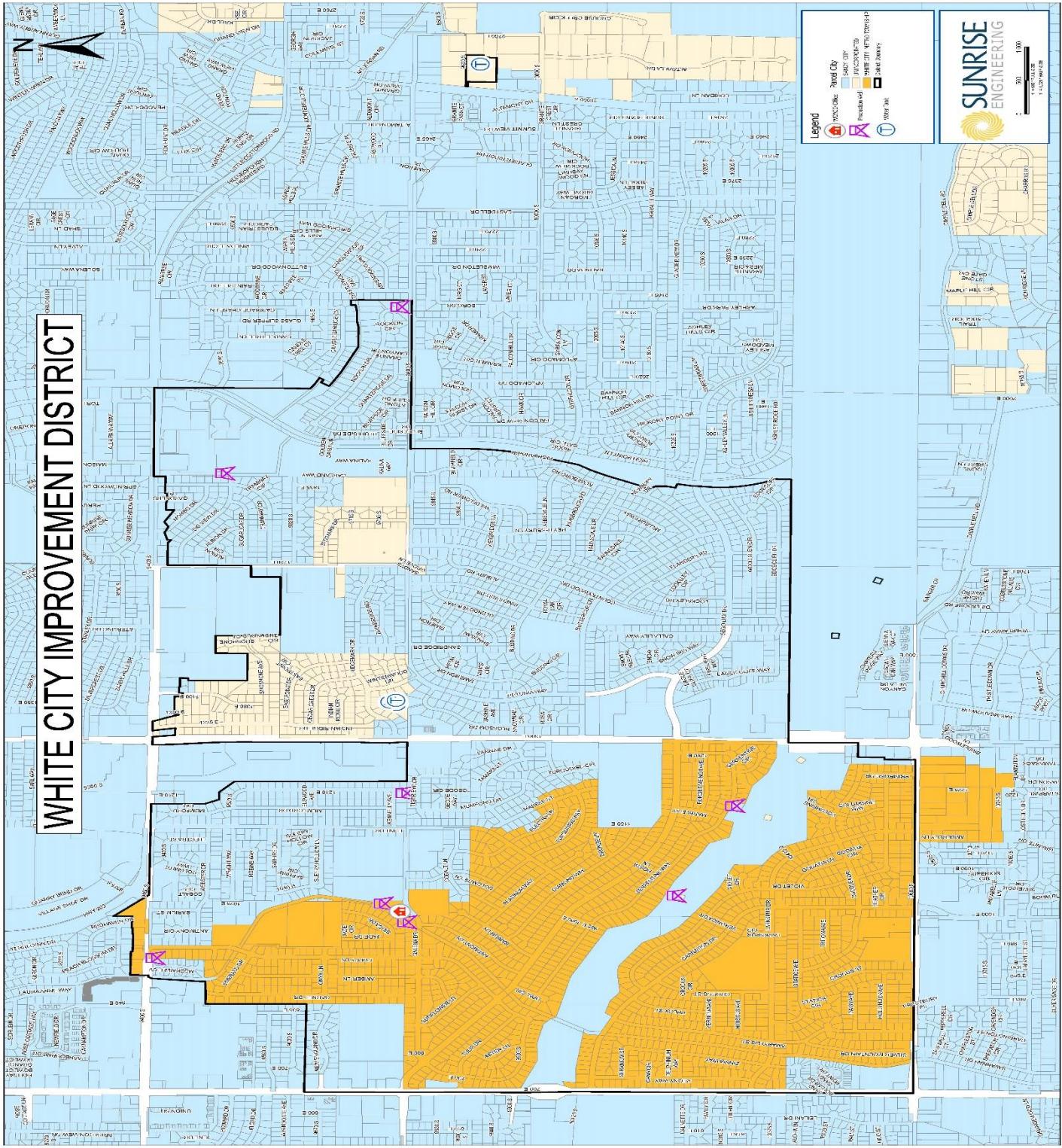
WCWID's service area encompasses properties in two municipalities - White City Metro Township ("White City") and Sandy City. In addition, there also exists an unincorporated area called Willow Canyon of Salt Lake County that voted to not be annexed into Sandy, which are not contiguous to White City and therefore cannot join that municipality. (See Map on back side of this newsletter.)

WCWID is independent of both municipalities and is a Local District governed by an elected five-member Board of Trustees.

\$ Funded solely through rates from water sales \$ No Taxes Assessed ever in 26 years.

WCWID works cooperatively with both municipalities and renders aid and support where it can. In that regard, we encourage our Sandy City residents to follow Sandy City ordinances regarding conservation. WCWID has agreed to rent out use of meeting room space to White City for its council meetings. WCWID wants to be a good neighbor to other governmental units that serve WCWID's customers. Any questions you might have should be directed to Paul Ashton, General Manager of WCWID at either paulashton@wcwid.org or by calling the main office during business hours at 801-571-3991.

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