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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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GOVERNOR COX ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS

On March 17, 2021 Governor Spencer Cox issued an executive declaration acknowledging the drought currently being experienced throughout the State of Utah. As a result, the White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID") has received some inquiries from our customers and the media as to what steps, if any, we are undertaking to address the situation.

As discussed in last month's newsletter, WCWID is aware of the lower snowpack and drought conditions. As of now we have not experienced any negative consequences as result of the situation. This is because all WCWID's water is drawn from deep underground where the aquifer level is still healthy.

If drought conditions continue for an extended period of time, aquifer levels may drop and WCWID might have to lower some of its pumps. We have fared well in previous droughts. WCWID is keeping informed of the situation and will inform you if anything needs to change.

The Board of Trustees has determined to review and update WCWID's water conservation plan which was last updated in 2016. Residents interested in that review are encouraged to contact the office so you can become involved in the process. At the same time, WCWID has adequate water supplies for this upcoming summer and while we urge everyone to be wise in your water use, do not fear to use it when and where needed. Remember: "It takes less water to keep a lawn reasonably green than to revive a brown lawn."

ARE YOU READY FOR AN EARTHQUAKE?

A year ago, the Salt Lake Valley experienced an earthquake centered near Magna. It reminded everyone that we live, work, and play on a fault line that can and will cause extensive damage when it gives way with a higher magnitude quake. Please note, my statement states "when" not "if" the larger quake will occur. At the same time, steps can be undertaken to lessen damage and BE PREPARED. The following link will take you to many state guides for protecting your self in preparing for an earthquake: <https://www.utah.gov/beready/earthquakePreparedness.html>

April 15, 2021 is the "Great Utah Shakeout." This is a day when Utahns unite in preparing for the earthquake or other natural disaster. WCWID will be moving into our new building which has been designed and built to mitigate damage from an earthquake. In addition, WCWID is moving forward with plans to deal with loss of power (a critical requirement to pump water from the aquifer) by using our various generators purchased for that purpose. HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER as it relates to water in case of a disaster:

- Make sure you and your family know where the main water shut-off valve is located in your house.
- Locate the water meter in your yard.
- Make sure the meter lid is tight, so the meter and water line don't freeze in the winter.
- Clear away any lawn, shrubs, trees and other objects to ensure access to the meter is unobstructed.
- Have a good supply (I personally recommend at least 5 to 7 days) of water in case water service is interrupted.
- Sign up for CODE RED, the emergency notification system WCWID has contracted for.

CODE RED IS A CRITICAL TOOL IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

WCWID introduced the **CodeRED** emergency notification service to our customers in September 2019. This service can be used by WCWID to notify residents of construction projects, water outages, and emergencies that might arise from earthquakes or other circumstances.

At that time, we encouraged everyone to enroll for the service by going to the WCWID website home page (<https://wcid.org>) and clicking on the CodeRED logo where you will be taken to the enrollment website. There you will be asked to type in the contact information for the methods you choose (address, home phone, cell phone, e-mail, etc.). You may also choose to receive General Notifications (non-emergency) or Severe Weather Warnings through the CodeRED enrollment.

If you are not sure that you are included in the database, simply log onto website, (<https://wcid.org>) and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page. You can also text WCWID to the number 99411 to enroll your information from your mobile phone. It is recommended that all businesses register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their numbers or locations within the past year.

Additionally, CodeRED offers a free app (CodeRED Mobile Alert) for your mobile device. The app can be used to alert users of various emergency events happening in proximity to the location of your mobile device.

Enrollment for Emergency Notifications is critical to ensure WCWID can notify you in an emergency. If you have any questions, please call the office at 801-571-3991 and ask for Allan Perry.

Thank you!