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**SUBJECT: Notice of Modified "Phase II" Severe Water Shortage;
Applicable Restrictions Effective January 16, 2007**

Dear Water Use Permit Holder:

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) regularly monitors groundwater levels, river flows and other drought indicators in accordance with its Water Shortage Plan (Chapter 40D-21, Florida Administrative Code). Despite recent rain, many of these drought indicators are currently abnormally low in the sixteen counties served by the District. Taking into consideration weather predictions, local demand management efforts, and input received during a public hearing held on January 9, 2007, the District is responding to these drought indicators by declaring a Modified "Phase II" Severe Water Shortage.

A "Phase II" Severe Water Shortage event requires certain actions by, and places certain limitations on, all Water Use Permittees and other water users. These restrictions go into effect January 16 and, unless extended or otherwise modified prior to that date, will expire on July 31, 2007. A fact sheet summarizing these restrictions is attached.

For more details and a description of all required actions and limitations, please visit the "Water Watch" feature within the District's website (www.watermatters.org). If you do not have Internet access or have any questions, please call 1-800-848-0499 or 1-800-423-1476, extension 4498, during normal business hours.

Sincerely,

David L. Moore, P.G.
Executive Director

Attachment: Summary Fact Sheet

Summary Fact Sheet Modified "Phase II" (Severe Water Shortage) Restrictions

All Water Uses

- These restrictions go into effect on January 16 and are scheduled to expire on July 31, unless rescinded or otherwise modified prior to that date.
- These restrictions apply to the use of water from public and private water utilities as well as the use of all wells and surface water sources (ponds, rivers, etc.).
- This fact sheet is only a summary. All water users should review Water Shortage Order SWF 07-02 and the District's Water Shortage Plan for complete details; both items are available online (at www.WaterMatters.org).

Lawn & Landscape Watering

- If your city or county already has a once-per-week schedule in effect, your watering day will remain the same.
- If you were previously allowed to follow a twice-per-week schedule, you now need to follow the schedule shown below.
- Unless your city or county already has stricter hours in effect, properties under two acres in size may only water before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- Unless your city or county already has stricter hours in effect, properties two acres or larger may only water before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
- Variances are available if a property proposes an alternative irrigation plan (such as splitting a large property into two pieces and assigning a different day to each piece).
- Handwatering or microirrigation of non-lawn landscape is allowed.
- Certain limited exemptions are available, such as allowances for new plant material.

Addresses with "house numbers" ending in ...	May only irrigate on...
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday

Local Governments & Water Utilities

- Assist the District with water shortage restriction enforcement, including coverage for cases referred by the District (when a Water Use Permit is not involved).
- Review the availability of backup water supplies for potable and fire-fighting purposes.
- Institute/accelerate local water conservation efforts, including a water system audit.
- Implement appropriate changes to water system flushing, including on-site signage.

Golf Courses, Agricultural Operations & Other Water Users

- Fountains and other aesthetic-only water features may only operate 8 hours per day.
- Car washing is limited to once per week; however, fundraiser events are still allowed.
- Comply with all Water Use Permit conditions, including allowable drought quantities.
- Reduce off-site discharge and mobile equipment washing.
- Follow applicable best management practices, including watering times and applications.

For complete details or to ask questions about these restrictions, visit the District's website (www.WaterMatters.org) or call 1-800-848-0499 or 1-800-423-1476, extension 4498, during normal business hours.