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To: All Local Government Chief Administrative Officers

Re: BC Drought Situation

The Province of British Columbia is experiencing severe drought conditions in many regions, with only five of twenty-four regions experiencing normal conditions. Regions experiencing drier than normal conditions represent approximately 99% of the entire population of BC. The Province is urging water users to take action to conserve and manage water according to the drought levels in their regions as described in the BC Drought Response Plan.

If you haven't done so already, now is a good time to review and update your community's water supply system plans such as, but not limited to:

- Drought management plan
- Water conservation plan
- Emergency response and contingency plans (as required by the *Drinking Water Protection Act*)

The Water Conservation Guide for BC helps communities in the development or revision of water conservation plans. Using the guide will also help ensure your community's water conservation plan meets the requirements to be eligible for drinking water infrastructure funding from the Province.

<http://www.obwb.ca/water-conservation-guide-for-bc-now-available/>

<http://www.livingwatersmart.ca/drought/docs/2015/Drought-Response-Plan-Update-June-2015.pdf>

http://www.livingwatersmart.ca/drought/docs/drought_handbook2009V2.pdf

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