



October 9, 2017

Re: Drought Warning – Immediate Attention Required

Dear Irrigation Contractor:

As you may already know, a **Drought Warning** has been issued for the Charlottesville and Albemarle County region. The declaration of a Drought Warning is based on many factors, including current reservoir levels, stream flow data, historical weather information and future weather predictions. At this time, we are particularly concerned with the declining level of the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir, which is less than half full. **Demand from many sources could rapidly deplete our supply to a dangerously low level.**

The issuance of a Drought Warning results in a variety of mandatory water restrictions for all customers, both residential and commercial. The use of outside, automatic irrigation systems is prohibited for established lawns, trees, plants, shrubs, and home gardens.

To ensure compliance with mandatory restrictions, the irrigation meters of ACSA customers with auxiliary systems will be turned off and locked by ACSA personnel during the week of October 16, 2017. The ACSA has advised that they contact their irrigation company prior to this date for information and instructions to prevent damage. We will not turn off/lock customers with exclusion meters, but will read the week of October 16, 2017. If any consumption registers during the Drought Warning, significant penalties will apply.

We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you in advance for your cooperation during this difficult water emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "O".

Gary O'Connell
Executive Director