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Statement from Pineview Water Systems

(including South Ogden Conservation District, Weber-Box Elder Conservation District
and Members of Ogden River Water Users' Assoc.)

Due to an exceptionally dry 2020 summer and a 2021 spring runoff currently at 17% of average, Pineview Water Systems' portion of Pineview Reservoir does not have enough water to deliver normal water demands throughout the 2021 irrigation season.

The current forecast shows that if water is used at the same rate that it was used during the 2020 irrigation season, Pineview Water Systems will run out of water in the third week of August.

Pineview Water Systems will place priority and reserve water for culinary and agricultural use. This will require Pineview Water Systems to stop delivering water for all residential irrigation during the first of week of August.

What must be done:

- Common irrigating methods used for turf and vegetation will exhaust the water supply in early August. Residential turf, trees, & vegetation will subsequently perish.
- To preserve the water supply for as long of the irrigation season as possible, residential, and institutional watering must focus on keeping turf and other vegetation alive rather than vibrant.
- Residential and institutional watering must be limited to two irrigation cycles per week. A decent rain event should eliminate at least one irrigation cycle. Refer to the Utah State University website shown below for guidance regarding watering durations that are dependent on types of irrigation systems.

If the residential, institutional, and agricultural people of our Wasatch Front communities can collectively conserve our water resources, we and our plant life can endure this difficult drought.

For more information regarding water use during drought conditions, please visit <https://extension.usu.edu/drought/>.

Sincerely,

Pineview Water Systems