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Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures in Effect for the Erickson Water System

Nelson, BC: Effective immediately, mandatory Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures are being implemented for the Regional District of Central Kootenay's (RDCK) Erickson Water System. The Arrow Creek water treatment plant, which supplies Creston and the Erickson Water System, is experiencing high water usage and critically low reservoir levels. As a measure for the extreme hot weather that is anticipated to last into the following week, the Arrow Creek water system requires that Erickson Water System users conserve water. Commercial agriculture producers are also being asked to conserve water by limiting crop irrigation to between 9pm and 7am.

"The Arrow Creek water treatment plant continues to operate at maximum capacity, and demand is exceeding supply," said Jason McDiarmid, RDCK Utility Services Manager. "We are requesting that commercial agricultural producers voluntarily reduce their water consumption to help replenish reservoir levels".

STAGE 3 WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES are now in effect for the Erickson Water System:

- **Watering of lawns is prohibited.**
- **Watering of NEW lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs is ONLY permitted between 6:00am-10:00am and 8:00pm-10:00pm.**
- **Watering of gardens, trees and shrubs by watering can or hand-held hose is still permitted anytime.**

The RDCK appreciates your cooperation in adhering to the above water conservation measures. Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures will remain in effect until further notice and stricter water conservation measures may be required if demand increases significantly, hot and dry weather prevails, or stream flows decline to critically low levels.

Erickson water conservation measures are available on the RDCK website: www.rdck.ca/water
Town of Creston water conservation measures are available at: www.creston.ca

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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