Town of Annabella

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IMPORTANT WATER NOTICE

Dear Annabella Town Resident:

Due to declining water conditions in both our culinary supply and irrigation supply, Annabella's watering restrictions have been adjusted.

Why We Need Restrictions
Annabella is facing one of the most serious water shortages we've ever seen, and we want to explain clearly what's happening and why new watering restrictions are necessary.

Our upper culinary well is already hitting its low-level safety shutoff point, even though it has only been used a few times. Our mountain water sources are in even worse shape. Deep Lake and Annabella Reservoir are less than 15% full, which is significantly lower than we need going into the summer months.

We rely heavily on our mountain reservoirs for our irrigation water. Last year, our irrigation system used nearly 110 million gallons, and 87 million of those came from the mountain reservoirs. The remainder of the water was pumped from our 300 South culinary well, but the water level in this well has also been dropping, which limits the amount of water that it can produce.

For the first time, both our culinary and irrigation systems are struggling at the same time. This is something our staff and long-time residents have never seen.

What the Town is Doing
The Town is reducing flow rates from the pump, adjusting tank operations to maximize the spring water, and doing everything possible to protect the wells to avoid emergency shutoffs. We are also applying for funding to drill another well to support our future water needs.

What Residents Can Do
Residents can help us work through these unfortunate circumstances by responsibly following the water restrictions and by minimizing the amount of outdoor watering as much as possible. It will take all of us working together to maintain the water levels in our culinary water tanks and irrigation pond.

Because of the current water conditions, the updated watering rules are as follows:

ANNABELLA WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Effective Monday, April 20th:

- **No outdoor watering on Thursday and Friday**
- **Choose any three of the remaining days (Saturday to Wednesday) to water; automatic sprinkler systems may run only one cycle on each of those three days.**

As Always:

- **No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.**
- **No watering during rainy or windy conditions**
- **Please reduce your watering time as much as possible**

Due to our limited water supply, it is advised to hold off on planting new lawns, as new grass must follow all current restrictions and cannot receive extra watering time.

The Town Council will review water conditions at each of our monthly meetings, or more frequently if needed, and tighten or relax watering rules as necessary.

Working Together

We know this is difficult, and we want you to know the Town is working hard to manage every drop, but we can't do it alone. Your efforts — shorter watering times, fixing leaks, shorter showers, and being mindful every day — truly make a difference.

Thank you for helping protect Annabella's water supply. Together, we can get through this summer.

Sincerely,

Annabella Town Council