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The Town's Drought Management Crisis Team met on Tuesday, September 13 for an update and projection on the Town's water supply and demand status.

The current status of the reservoir is -82.0" (33.17 feet) which equates to 21.36% full.

Forecast

Some rain is expected on Wednesday and scattered showers are predicted for the week-end. None of this rainfall will be in appreciable numbers to alter current strategies.

Water Supply

Since August 26 we continue to rely solely on water from our wells for water supply. No reservoir water has been used.

We are awaiting a Letter of Agreement from the Town of Cohasset Water Department to formalize the provision of water if the reservoir goes to 10%.

At Chief Murphy's request, the Fire Chief's Association of Plymouth County has sent a request to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to have a water tanker located in Scituate.

Water Usage

We experienced the anticipated drop in water usage after Labor Day. Total usage the week of August 30 to September 5 was 1,182,143 *gpd*. For the period September 6 to September 12 our usage was 1,131,286 *gpd*. This represents a water savings of 50,847 *gpd* or a total of 355,920 gallons for the week. This is great news. However, because we do not expect a change in the forecast, residents need to continue conservation measures and the total water ban remains in effect.

Future Resiliency

The Water Department has identified four wells for potential refurbishment and one well (#22) for a complete overhaul. The cost estimates are being completed for presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

Outreach and Education

Blue tabs for toilet testing are now available at the Senior Center at 27 Brook Street and at the Water Department (4 Old Oaken Bucket Road). Easy to follow instructions are provided.

The second Public Service Announcement explaining your water bill and how to calculate how much water you are using/conserving is now on cable access, our website (www.scituatema.gov) and Facebook. If every person can reduce his/her current daily usage to 55 *gpd* this will help our conservation efforts considerably. To find out how, please take 15 minutes to watch. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUpXQOA6-YQ>

We continue to receive conservation tips and will be posting the third installment later this week. The School Department is moving forward with a water education/conservation program with NSWRA and details should be finalized the end of this month.

The Water Department issued five violations the past week in the areas of Gilson, Kent and Collier Roads and Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

We have gotten some questions about brown water lately. When there is a water break there is usually brown water associated with it. Typically, the water department will flush the line after the break is repaired. Because of the drought this is not being done. We know this is frustrating and thank you for your cooperation.