

## Public Review of the Town of Erie's Drought Management Plan



### *How can I contribute to Erie's drought planning process?*

Erie is conducting a 60-day public review period from June 3 to August 2 to obtain feedback from the public on the Proposed Drought Management Plan. Please deliver your comments to the Town Clerk at Town Hall (PO Box 750, Erie CO 80516 or 645 Holbrook Street Erie, CO 80516) or email them to [wpalmer@erieco.gov](mailto:wpalmer@erieco.gov) by August 2, 2015.

### *Why does Erie need a Drought Plan?*

Drought occurs when there is a lack of precipitation and consequently there is a shortage in water supplies. Erie is in an arid environment where droughts of various severities and durations occur on a relatively regular basis. Effective drought management plans can remove the "crisis" from drought response efforts. Drought planning is a proactive means to reduce adverse effects on public health and safety, economic activity, environmental resources and individual lifestyles during a drought.

### *What is in the Drought Plan?*

Erie's Drought Plan calls for a series of operating principles and mitigation actions to be taken in advance of a drought in order to minimize negative drought impacts. These mitigation actions include the acquisition of new supplies, water conservation and utilizing available storage and non-potable reuse water for irrigation purposes. The Plan also defines four levels of drought stages in increasing severity that are associated with a targeted water savings goal. Each drought stage calls for a list of

Drought Stage	Response Target (Targeted Water Savings)
Watch	20%
Severe	40%
Emergency	60%

both voluntary and mandatory water saving actions. The level of actions necessary depends on the severity and duration of the drought. Please click on <http://www.erieco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6696> to view the Proposed Drought Management Plan.

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Voluntary	5%

### *How else can I contribute?*

Conservation is an important component of the Town of Erie's water management strategy. Click on <http://erieco.gov/1054/Water-Conservation> to find out how you can conserve water.

