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Attn: Secondary Water Users:

On Friday, May 14, 2021, Hooper Irrigation was notified by the Weber River Commission that our storage rights for the 2021 water season would be cut by 75% due to extreme drought conditions and lack of water. As noted in the below chart, Weber County has only 11% of normal current snow water equivalency. Additionally, our water system relies on rain to supplement our river and reservoir storage rights.

Upon receiving this information, your board of directors met in emergency meetings on Monday, May 17, 2021 and Thursday, May 20, 2021 to discuss the effect on our water system. Based upon this ruling, the current abnormal snowpack, and the extreme drought conditions we are experiencing, we have no option but to reduce our 2021 water delivery to all secondary water users.

Therefore, beginning May 31, 2021, secondary water service will be limited to 2 days per week. Dependent upon available resources, we are planning secondary water to be available beginning at 6 pm every Monday evening until 10 am Tuesday morning and beginning at 6 pm every Thursday evening until 10 am Friday morning. The water output will be evaluated and if it exceeds the budgeted amount then we will be forced to go to a 1 day per week watering schedule. Please govern yourselves accordingly and use the www.conservewater.utah.gov as a guideline for how long to water.

Local farmers and irrigators were already reduced by half of their normal water delivery at the beginning the season and will likely see additional reductions. We hope this rationing of water will provide enough water to last into August on this new schedule.

Due to the current extreme drought conditions, your board of directors has also enacted a moratorium on new secondary hookups for the season.

Hooper Irrigation is a non-profit corporation. We do not pay dividends or profits. Similarly, there are no discounts or abatements due to not receiving water. Our water rights are depending upon the water being available. Your assessments are based upon your stock ownership. Since we are all in this together, we hope that each of you will do your part to conserve our scarce water resources.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Hooper Irrigation Co.

