

# Memorandum

**To:** Condo Board Members

**CC:** Mr. David Mastroianni

**From:** Ms. Lianne Larson, Director of Operations

**Date:** 9/6/2008

**Re:** Drought

The 2007 season is proving to be a very dry season. Reports indicate 2007 is one of the driest summers in 100 years. The dry summer coupled with the high air temperatures, has forced us to water more than ever. The White Cliffs Country Club and Community Association waters both the golf course and the condominium grounds from four private wells located throughout the property. These wells are permitted with the state of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, White Cliffs is permitted for an annual water withdrawal amount of 30.3 million gallons. The water usage is reported back to the DEP annually, and recorded on record.

The purpose of you receiving all this information is to advise you and your Associations that we are rapidly reaching our permitted water withdrawal amount. If the weather continues to remain dry, we will be forced to limit the amount of watering on the property. Our plan will be as follows. We will be only watering lawn areas and rough every third night. If the drought continues we will shut off all roughs and condo lawns, stop all planting projects, and will begin to remove any annuals that are suffering from the lack of water.

We have approximately 6 million gallons left to withdraw. If we ration this water it should take us until about the 10<sup>th</sup> of October before we reach the 30 million gallons. Once we reach 30.3 million gallons we must stop all water withdrawal. If we exceed our permitted amount we will be subject to heavy fines and could lose our permits altogether.

The turf will begin to turn off color and brown in some spots. This is only the turf going dormant not dying. Once the rains resume the turf will recover.

*September 9, 2007*

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, (508) 888-0793, email [wcccturf@capecod.com](mailto:wcccturf@capecod.com) or in person.