COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Water System	Presenter(s):	Tony Parrott
Meeting Date:	Thursday, January 24, 2013	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to insert a letter into the February water bills informing customers about current water restrictions.

Background/History/Details:

The Georgia Water Stewardship Act went into effect statewide on June 2, 2010. The Water System requested a variance and it was approved by the Department of Natural Resources for 150 days. The variance was requested due to the current levels of the reservoirs. The Water System customers need to be informed of the current restrictions under the variance as well as have an updated of the water reservoir levels.

The Water Committee is recommending inserting a letter with the water bills mailed in February to inform the Water System customers of the current restrictions and current reservoir levels. When the final letter is printed, the most current reservoir levels will be included in the letter. The draft has blanks in this area to enable Water System staff to give the customers the most recent data at the time the letters are mailed.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to insert a letter into the February water bills informing customers about current water restrictions.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding for the cost of printing the letters will be provided by the Water System's Public Relations budget item. The postage for mailing the water bills will not change.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Fayette County
GEORGIA
WATER SYSTEM

Where Quality Is A Lifestyle

February 2013

To Our Customers:

The Georgia Water Stewardship Act went into effect statewide on June 2, 2010. It allows daily outdoor watering for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants only between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. by anyone whose water is supplied by a water system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division.

A variance from the current outdoor water use requirements of the Georgia Water Stewardship Act was requested and approved. Specifically, the Fayette County Water System customers are allowed outdoor watering three (3) days per week between 4:00p.m. and 10:00a.m. with odd-numbered addresses watering on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays and even-numbered addresses watering on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. No outdoor watering on Friday.

This variance was requested due to the current levels of the reservoirs. As of February 1st, our reservoir levels are:

- **Lake Kedron**-Located in northern Peachtree City, is a 235-acre reservoir which stores approximately 1.0 billion gallons of water and will safely yield 3.5 MGD during drought conditions. The current reservoir level is ____.
- **Lake Peachtree**-Located in the southern part of Peachtree City, is a 250-acre reservoir which will yield 0.5 MGD during drought conditions. The current reservoir level is ____.
- **Lake Horton**-Located in south Fayette County, is a 780-acre reservoir, stores 3.5 billion gallons of water and will yield 16-18 million gallons per day during drought conditions. The current reservoir level is ____.
- **Lake McIntosh**-Located on Line Creek, is a 650 acre reservoir, stores 2.4 billion gallons of water and is permitted for 10.4 MDG. The current reservoir level is ____.

More information about the outdoor water use schedules can be found on the EPD web site at www.georgiaepd.com.

To learn more about water conservation and answers to frequently asked questions please go to the EPD Water Conservation web site at www.conservewatergeorgia.net

Detailed information on the drought can be found at www.georgiadrought.org.

We hope this information answers any questions about our drought conditions. If you have any additional questions, please contact our Customer Service staff at (770) 461-1146 extention 5.

Sincerely,

Fayette County Water System