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Spartanburg Water Service Area Considered to Be in “Incipient Drought”

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SPARTANBURG – The SC Drought Response Committee recently reported a mild drought for communities located in the Central Drought Management Area, including Spartanburg County.

This first phase of drought, or “Incipient Drought,” is considered an awareness phase, and is based on a number of drought indicators – including percent of normal rainfall, crop moisture, streamflow levels, fire indexes, lake and reservoir levels and groundwater levels.

Spartanburg Water is not currently restricting any water usage for customers, but shares that it is actively monitoring and preparing for any changes in the current drought phase.

“At this time, Spartanburg Water remains in a good place with our reservoir levels and availability of water for our customers, however, with any indication of drought it is a great opportunity for our community to use water wisely and be mindful of our drinking water resources,” said Ken Tuck, Spartanburg Water Director of Drinking Water Services and member of the Central Drought Management Area Committee. “It is also a good time for Spartanburg Water to proactively prepare for any additional drought measures, should they be necessary in the future.”

ABOUT SPARTANBURG WATER: Spartanburg Water, an industry leading utility, is comprised of Spartanburg Water System and Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District. It serves a population of more than 200,000 within Spartanburg County, as well as others in parts of Greenville, Union and Cherokee counties. With the help of its dedicated team of about 300 employees, each day it produces an average of 25 million gallons of drinking water and cleans 12 million gallons of reclaimed water for its customers and community. For more information on Spartanburg Water’s water quality efforts, visit us at spartanburgwater.org.

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