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Dear Sir or Madam:

You are receiving this letter because you hold a water licence within the Nicola, Coldwater, Similkameen and/or the southern half of the middle Fraser watershed. The Cascades Natural Resource District is making early efforts to contact water licensees to communicate current drought conditions within these basins and provide a forecast for the season.

Based on current conditions, the above referenced watersheds are at drought level 2, or 'dry' conditions. At this time, we are not asking water licensees to conserve their usage. We suggest you ensure you have topped up your licenced storage reservoirs and maintain diverting water while it is available. For your information, the Province typically sets/reviews the drought levels every two weeks, unless there is a significant climatic change that warrants changing the level earlier.

Further, using various different forecasting models, the summer of 2018 is expected to have above average temperatures with little precipitation; somewhat similar to the drought of 2015 as conditions are about 3 weeks early for this time of year. If conditions deteriorate to drought level 3 (or 4), we will likely be asking for voluntary reductions in water use.

Lastly, the Provincial Government has developed a drought information website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/drought-information>) that provides drought updates, a link to the drought portal, effects of drought and suggestions on how to deal with drought. The drought information portal link is particularly useful as it provides an overview map of the drought levels for the province and any angling closures to be aware of.

Thank you for your support. We understand the impacts drought can have on everyone and strive to keep you informed of drought related information as we move into the summer months.

Yours truly,

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