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## CITY MANAGER CALLS FOR VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION

### *All Mandatory Water Conservation Restrictions Rescinded*

Rocky Mount City Manager Stephen W. Raper announced today the rescission of the modified Stage I Mandatory Water Use Condition and Restrictions, which have been in effect since March 12. The city manager has called for a condition of voluntary water conservation, effective Saturday, April 12.

“The drought conditions of the past year continue to improve, allowing for this ease of restrictions,” said Raper. “Our water customers are to be commended for their ongoing cooperation with water conservation measures. As we continue to monitor our city’s water resources, we are mindful that a change in conditions may require the reinstatement of mandatory restrictions.”

Recent rainfall in the Tar River basin has returned the Tar River Reservoir and the city’s two quarries to full level. The most recent drought monitor report, issued on Thursday of this week, continues to show improvement in water levels for our area. The report now indicates Nash County’s drought status as moderate to severe; Edgecombe County’s status was reduced to moderate. The city’s overall water consumption remains below normal.

Residents are encouraged to be conscious of water use and to limit usage of treated water.

The following is a timeline of Rocky Mount’s conditions since the initial declaration of the water shortage:

Request for Voluntary Conservation	July 4, 2007
Stage I Mandatory Restrictions	August 11, 2007
Stage II Mandatory Restrictions	September 24, 2007
Modified Stage I Mandatory Restrictions	March 12, 2008
Request for Voluntary Conservation	April 12, 2008

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