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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Tom Ward, P.E., Director of Public Utilities *TW*  
**Date:** August 5, 2021  
**Re:** 2021 Drought and Water Conservation Update

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### PURPOSE

The goal of this presentation to Council will be to provide an update on Sandy City's water supply as well as water use and conservation data pertaining to this summer of drought. In addition, we will introduce the Water Conservation Plan update draft and the forthcoming process for public and Council input into final Plan for approval by Council and submittal to the State in December 2021. Please find attached the following documents:

- 2021 Drought and Water Conservation update slide presentation
- Water Conservation Plan update slide presentation
- Summary of water conservation resources for Sandy water customers titled "Fact Sheet: Water Conservation 2021"

### BACKGROUND

This past June is officially one of the hottest and driest on record; July was not much better. Since Governor Cox issued an emergency drought declaration on June 8, the entire state has ramped up efforts to communicate with residents about drought actions and water conservation measures. Additionally, a handful of new programs and campaigns have been unveiled over the past two months.

As state, regional, and local governments have been reacting to the drought this summer, Sandy City Public Utilities staff has been simultaneously working with a professional engineering consultant to update its Water Conservation Plan. This plan is required by the state and must be updated and approved by the City's governing body every five years. Sandy's plan update is due to the State in December 2021.

During the August 17<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, our consultant, Keith Larson of Bowen Collins & Associates, will present a brief overview of the updated Water Conservation Plan draft update. We will discuss plan highlights and the process for public input and plan adoption. We will also identify some of the areas of potential public policy action to be deliberated as part of the plan update, as well as considered for implementation with Council ordinance adoption and budgeting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions (801.568.6074 or [tward@sandy.utah.gov](mailto:tward@sandy.utah.gov)).