



# Media Release

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## Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures in Effect for the South Slokan Water System

Nelson, BC: Effective immediately, mandatory **Stage 3** Water Conservation Measures are being implemented for the Regional District of Central Kootenay's (RDCK) **South Slokan** Water System. The system is located in the community of South Slokan Village approximately 30 km southwest of Nelson and is within RDCK Electoral Area H. The Dam Inn is across Highway 3A and is supplied water from this water system.

The **Stage 3** Water Conservation Measures have been implemented as a measure to ensure that the system has adequate water supply for wildfire protection and to reduce the impact of high water consumption on reservoir levels, and low water pressure in portions of the water system.

"The West Kootenays are currently listed at drought level four [out of five] and the Province is requesting a voluntary 50% reduction in water withdrawal on licensed water quantity," said Steve Ethier, RDCK Water Operations Manager. "Residents within the community are experiencing low water pressure, and so a collective reduction in consumption will benefit the overall water system to ensure there is enough water for essential purposes".

### Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures include:

- **Watering of lawns is prohibited.**
- **Watering of gardens, trees and shrubs ONLY between the hours of 6 am - 10 am and 8 pm - 10 pm.**
- **Watering using drip irrigation, a watering can, and or hand held hose is permitted at any time.**

The RDCK appreciate your cooperation in adhering to the above water conservation measures. **Stage 3** Water Conservation Measures will remain in effect until further notice. Stricter water conservation measures may be required if demand increases significantly, hot and dry weather persists, or if the reservoir declines to critically low levels.

**A complete list of water conservation measures for each stage is available on the RDCK website:**

[www.rdck.ca/water](http://www.rdck.ca/water)

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