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NEWS RELEASE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVES UPDATED IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

May 26, 2015, Monroe, NC – At the May 4, 2015 County Commission’s regular meeting, commissioners approved and adopted an updated Water Use Ordinance and associated Water Shortage Response Plan. The main purposes of these changes are to ensure adequate supply for all customers and to keep rate increases low.

This ordinance establishes a new irrigation schedule for all customers and is effective immediately. Since 2007, the County’s water customers have been restricted to a maximum of two days per week for irrigation. Under the new ordinance, the restriction is being relaxed to three days per week for current conditions. If a water shortage occurs, the County will move through newly defined water shortage stages, each having related irrigation and non-irrigation restrictions or voluntary measures. Although the new ordinance permits up to three days per week irrigation during non-drought conditions, Public Works urges all its customers to irrigate only when needed.

For most customers, the new three-day schedule simply adds an additional day to their current two-day schedule. Customers should refer to the top-right corner of their water bill to determine their billing cycle and the table below to determine their new irrigation schedule. For more information on how to conserve water and to see the entire Water Use Ordinance and Water Shortage Response Plan, visit <http://tinyurl.com/UnionNCWaterUse>.

Billing Cycle	Previous Schedule	New Schedule
	2-Days per week	3-days per week
1	Mon, Fri	Mon-Wed-Sat
2	Sun, Thu	Sun-Tue-Thu
3	Mon, Thu	Mon-Thu-Sat
4	Tues, Thu	Tue-Thu-Sat
5	Sun, Wed	Sun-Wed-Fri
6	Mon, Wed	Mon-Wed-Sat
7	Wed, Fri	Sun-Wed-Fri
8	Tues, Fri	Sun-Tue-Fri
9	Sun, Tue	Sun-Tue-Fri
10	Sun, Thu	Mon-Thu-Sat

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