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Minor Drought Conditions Continue

Kingston – Despite the rain across the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) watersheds on Sunday and Monday, minor drought conditions continue. Between 20 and 50 mm of rain fell across the CRCA on Sunday and Monday, helping drought conditions by providing some much needed water back into the soils. Some of the rainfall did reach area lakes and streams, causing a rise in levels. However, the rise in creek flows was largely temporary, with flows falling again reasonably quickly, back to well below normal for this time of year.

There was more rain in the eastern watersheds (Brockville, Lyn) than the western (Napanee, Odessa, Kingston) and more in the northern parts of the watersheds (Sydenham) than the southern. While the rain was much needed, and well received by the watersheds, more is certainly needed. Currently, the CRCA watersheds are in a deficit of about 50 mm of precipitation over the last three months. Only regular rainfall over the next weeks and months will alleviate the drought conditions, and bring things back to normal again.

The CRCA Water Response Team met on Monday, June 6 to discuss current conditions, and agreed that remaining at the “minor” drought level was appropriate for the time being, and will continue to monitor conditions. The Water Response Team continues to recommend water conservation across the region, especially for those people that rely on private wells for their water supply.

The CRCA has numerous water conservation web links on their website at www.crca.ca/resources-for-wise-water-use.

The CRCA Water Response Team declared a “minor” drought conditions on May 26, after receiving less than 50% of the average rainfall across April and May, and seeing stream flows falling steeply.

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