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Conservation Authority**

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CRCA moves to Level 1 Low Water Condition

Kingston – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) watershed, which extends from Napanee to Brockville and north to Crosby, has moved from a Level II to a Level I Low Water Condition.

The Cataraqui watershed has seen moderate rainfall in recent months, which has allowed the low water levels to rise. While this has lifted the Cataraqui region out of Level II, there remains a water deficit in the region. Streamflows and precipitation are still below average for this time of year. If any residents or businesses throughout the watershed experience difficulties, please contact the CRCA at 613-546-4228 x 221 or 1-877-956-CRCA (2722) x 221 so that we can track the impacts of the low water conditions.

A Level I low water condition (first declared in May 2012 and again in November 2012) is the first of three levels and reflects concern. Level II (declared in July 2012) suggests a potentially serious problem. Level III indicates a failure of the water supply to meet demand.

The CRCA is asking residents and businesses of the region to reduce water usage by 10% until the supply is replenished. This includes the outside watering of plants and lawns, and washing driveways and sidewalks.

Water users that rely on municipal water should contact their municipality for local water conditions.

“It takes time to compensate for the many months of dry weather we experienced over the summer,” explains CRCA Water Resources Engineer, Sean Watt. “While conditions are improving, the area still hasn’t recovered completely.”

Low water conditions are determined by the Cataraqui Region Water Response Team convened by the CRCA. Membership includes water managers, major water users, public health, agriculture, school boards, marina operators, golf courses, government agencies, dam operators and others.

The Cataraqui Region Water Response Team will continue to monitor rainfall and streamflow data and will keep the public informed of any changes in watershed conditions.

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