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Mr. Jay Boren
Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority
545 Corinth Road
Newnan, Georgia 30263

RE: Drought Response Variance Approval -- Drought Response Level Two

Dear Mr. Boren:

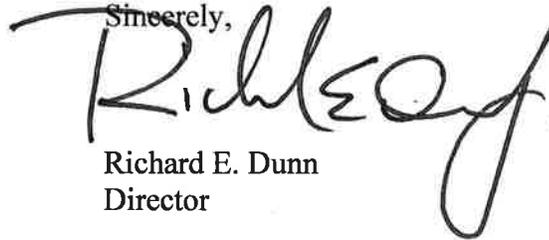
Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-5-7 and GA Rule 391-3-30-.08, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has reviewed the Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority's (Authority's) request for a local variance from the current State Drought Response Level in order to impose more stringent restrictions.

Considering all available relevant information, EPD has determined that "good cause" has been shown to support the request of more stringent restrictions. Based on the information you provided in support of your request, and in consideration of the ongoing drought conditions occurring within your area, your request is hereby approved to impose a Drought Response Level 2. This approval is valid until December 31, 2019 as requested in your variance application. However, if conditions have not improved 10 days prior to the expiration of this variance, please notify EPD and provide any new applicable information so it may be determined if a timeframe extension is warranted.

In addition to the above, this variance requires the Authority to continue to work with the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District to complete and implement a water conservation rate structure and to contact all water systems that purchase water from the Authority to notify them of this variance. These systems include but are not limited to the City of Turin, the City of Grantville, the City of Hogansville, the City of Palmetto, and the City of Senoia. When providing this notification, the Authority will also review with each system any applicable contractual provisions and emphasize the need for each of the systems that rely upon the Authority for water supply to consider their own drought response options including but not limited to: understanding the extent of their available remaining supplies, other available supply options, implementation of their drought contingency plans and requesting a drought response variance of their own. EPD will also follow up with these water systems to discuss their water supply conditions and options.

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact Mr. Wei Zeng, EPD's Water Supply Program Manager, at 404-463-2883 or Wei.Zeng@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard E. Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

Richard E. Dunn
Director

cc: Dr. Brant Keller, City of Griffin
Mr. George Lee, City of Newnan
Ms. Kishia Powell, City of Atlanta
Mayor Alan D. Starr, Town of Turin
Mayor Doug Jewell, City of Grantville
Mr. David Milliron, City of Hogansville
Mayor J. Clark Boddie, City of Palmetto
Mayor Jeff Fisher, City of Senoia