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Hello RMA mayors/reeves and CAOs,

\*\*\*Please share with councils and relevant staff in your municipality\*\*\*

As part of preparing for drought risks in the coming months, the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas has requested that municipalities develop a municipal water shortage response plan to respond to possible drops in supply. We have heard from some municipalities that have not historically faced drought risks that they are unsure where to start in developing plans.

RMA and President McLauchlin have collaborated with his colleagues on the provincial Water Advisory Committee to provide a template and overview on response plans. The template is based on an actual water shortage response plan completed by a southern Alberta municipality, with identifying information removed. The guide walks through the key components and information required for a basic water shortage plan. There is value in developing a plan, even if the initial version is fairly basic, as soon as possible to be prepared for drought impacts and possible provincial directives related to water usage, so we encourage you to use these resources if you're looking for a place to start.

Please reach out if you have questions or suggestions for other resources or tools that may benefit RMA members more broadly on this issue.

Thanks,

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