

Central Region Registration Statements

ACTON -V21400202 -IDYLWILDE FARM INC

ACTON -21400203 -ACTON WATER DISTRICT (Revised)

ACTON -21400206 -W R GRACE & CO - CONN

ASHBURNHAM -20701101 -ASHBURNHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

AYER -21101901 -AYER DPW WATER DIVISION

AYER -21101903 -MASSACHUSETTS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AGENCY

AYER -21301901 -AYER DPW WATER DIVISION

BARRE -20802101 -BARRE WATER DEPARTMENT

BELLINGHAM -21202501 -BELLINGHAM DPW WATER & SEWER DIVISION

BELLINGHAM -22002501 -BELLINGHAM DPW WATER & SEWER DIVISION

BERLIN -21402802 -AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES NORTHEAST REGION

BLACKSTONE -21203201 -BLACKSTONE WATER DEPARTMENT

BOLTON -21103401 -ESCALANTE - THE INTERNATIONAL LLC

BOYLSTON -21103902 -BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT

BOYLSTON -21203901 -BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT

BOYLSTON -V21103901 -THE HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB

BROOKFIELD -20804501 -BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

CLINTON -21106402 -MWRA

CLINTON -21106403 -CLINTON WATER DEPARTMENT

DOUGLAS -21207701 -DOUGLAS WATER DEPARTMENT

DUDLEY -21008001 -DUDLEY WATER DEPARTMENT

EAST BROOKFIELD -20808401 -EAST BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

FITCHBURG -20809701 -FITCHBURG WATER DEPARTMENT

FITCHBURG -21109704 -OAK HILL COUNTRY CLUB

FITCHBURG -21109705 -NEWARK INTERNATIONAL

FITCHBURG -21109706 -FITCHBURG WATER DEPARTMENT

FRANKLIN -22010102 -FRANKLIN DPW WATER DIVISION

FRANKLIN -22010103 -FRANKLIN COUNTRY CLUB

GARDNER -20710301 -GARDNER WATER DEPARTMENT
GRAFTON -21211002 -SOUTH GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT
GRAFTON -21211004 -GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT (Revised)
GROTON -21111501 -WEST GROTON WATER DISTRICT
GROTON -21111502 -HOLLINGSWORTH & VOSE COMPANY
GROTON -21311501 -GROTON WATER DEPARTMENT
HOLDEN -21113401 -BUSY BEE NURSERY
HOLDEN -21113404 -HOLDEN WATER DEPARTMENT
HOLDEN -21113406 -R J PAQUETTE LLC
HOLDEN -V21113402 -CLARIANT PLASTICS & COATINGS USA- HOLDEN
HOLLISTON -22013601 -HOLLISTON WATER DEPARTMENT
HOPEDALE -21213801 -HOPEDALE COUNTRY CLUB
HOPEDALE -21213802 -HOPEDALE WATER DEPARTMENT
HOPKINTON -21413901 -HOPKINTON WATER DEPARTMENT
HOPKINTON -21413902 -LEGACY FARMS LLC
HUDSON -21414101 -INTEL CORP
HUDSON -21414102 -HUDSON WATER DEPARTMENT
LANCASTER -21114701 -LANCASTER WATER DEPARTMENT
LEICESTER -21015101 -CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DIS
LEICESTER -21215101 -LEICESTER WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT
LEOMINSTER -21115302 -LEOMINSTER DPW WATER DIVISION
LEOMINSTER -21115303 -GOVE FARM
LITTLETON -21315801 -PATRIOT BEVERAGES LLC
LITTLETON -21315802 -AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES STONE CRUSH PLT
LITTLETON -21315803 -LITTLETON WATER DEPARTMENT
LUNENBURG -21109703 -PJKEATING COMPANY (Revised)
LUNENBURG -21116201 -LUNENBURG WATER DISTRICT
MARLBOROUGH -21417001 -MARLBOROUGH DPW WATER DIVISION
MAYNARD -21417401 -MAYNARD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEDFIELD -21917501 -MEDFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

MEDFIELD -22017501 -MEDFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT
MEDWAY -22017701 -MEDWAY WATER DEPARTMENT
MILFORD -22018501 -MILFORD WATER COMPANY
MILLBURY -21218602 -AQUARION WATER COMPANY: MILLBURY
MILLBURY -21218604 -AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES NORTHEAST REGION
MILLIS -22018701 -TRESKA BROTHERS SAND & GRAVEL INC
MILLIS -22018702 -MILLIS WATER DEPARTMENT
NORFOLK -22020802 -NORFOLK WATER DEPARTMENT
NORFOLK -22020804 -MCI NORFOLK
NORTH BROOKFIELD -20821201 -NORTH BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT
NORTHBOROUGH -21421502 -BIGELOW NURSERIES INC
NORTHBOROUGH -21421503 -NORTHBOROUGH WATER & SEWER DEPT
NORTHBOROUGH -21421504 -BERBERIAN FARMS
NORTHBRIDGE -21221601 -WHITINSVILLE WATER COMPANY
NORTHBRIDGE -21221602 -NORTHBRIDGE MILLS LLC-WMA Reg-Transferred
NORTHBRIDGE -21221603 -WHITINSVILLE GOLF CLUB
OXFORD -21022601 -AQUARION WATER COMPANY: OXFORD
PAXTON -21122802 -PAXTON WATER DEPARTMENT
PEPPERELL -21123202 -PEPPERELL WATER DEPARTMENT
PRINCETON -21124101 -WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATES
RUTLAND -21125701 -RUTLAND WATER DEPARTMENT
SHREWSBURY -21227101 -SHREWSBURY WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT
SOUTHBRIDGE -20927801 -SOUTHBRIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT
SPENCER -20828001 -SPENCER WATER DEPARTMENT
SPENCER -20828002 -BOND CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION
STERLING -21128202 -STERLING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
STOW -21428602 -STOW ACRES COUNTRY CLUB SCC ASSOC
STURBRIDGE -20928701 -STURBRIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT
SUTTON -21229002 -PLEASANT VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
TEMPLETON -20729401 -TEMPLETON WATER DEPARTMENT

TEMPLETON -20729402 -SEAMAN PAPER CO OF MASS INC
TOWNSEND -21129902 -TOWNSEND WATER DEPARTMENT
UXBRIDGE -21230401 -UXBRIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT
WEBSTER -21031603 -WEBSTER DPW
WEST BOYLSTON -21132101 -WEST BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT
WEST BOYLSTON -21132102 -WACHUSETT COUNTRY CLUB
WEST BROOKFIELD -20832301 -WEST BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT
WESTBOROUGH -21432804 -WESTBOROUGH WATER DEPARTMENT
WESTMINSTER -21133201 -WESTMINSTER WATER DEPARTMENT
WESTMINSTER -21133202 -WESTMINSTER GOLF COURSE INC
WINCHENDON -20734301 -WINCHENDON WATER DEPARTMENT
WORCESTER -21134801 -WORCESTER DPW
WORCESTER -21234803 -TATNUCK COUNTRY CLUB
WORCESTER -21234804 -WORCESTER COUNTRY CLUB
WORCESTER -21234805 -WORCESTER DPW



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April 6, 2023

IDYLWILDE FARM INC
366 CENTRAL STREET
ACTON, MA 01720

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #**V21400202** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/ACTON -# V21400202 - IDYLWILDE FARM INC- WMA-Registration -2023-/04-/06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/ACTON%20-%20V21400202%20-%20IDYLWILDE%20FARM%20INC-%20WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: V21400202

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: IDYLWILDE FARM INC

Use: Agriculture

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.03
Days of Operation: 92

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 2.52

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4336-01S	S	FORT POND BROOK

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

4. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

5. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, and expires on April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

6. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal (“Notice of Claim”) in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

**Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114**

In addition, the Department’s fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

April 6, 2023

Date



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October 31, 2023

ACTON WATER DISTRICT
P O BOX 953
ACTON, MA 01720

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The REVISED Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21400203** for 2023-2033.

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Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21400203 River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: ACTON WATER DISTRICT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.56 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 569.40
Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023 Expiration Date: April 7, 2033
Revised: October 31, 2023

Number of registered withdrawal points: 13
Groundwater: 13 Surface water: 0

Source ID	Type	Source Name
2002000-01G	G	WHITCOMB WELL
2002000-02G	G	CONANT WELL #1
2002000-04G	G	CHRISTOFFERSON WELL
2002000-06G	G	ASSABET WELL #2
2002000-21G	G	SCRIBNER GP WELL #12
2002000-22G	G	SCRIBNER GP WELL #23
2002000-23G	G	SCRIBNER GP WELL #5
2002000-25G	G	CLAPP WELL #3:02 REP
2002000-03G	G	LAWSBROOK WELL
2002000-19G	G	ASSABET WELL #2A REP
2002000-20G	G	SCRIBNER GP WELL #79:1
2002000-24G	G	CLAPP WELL #1:02 REP
2002000-26G	G	ASSABET WELL #1A REP

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

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The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

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The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

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7. Registration Renewal

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APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

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Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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October 31, 2023

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April 6, 2023

W R GRACE & CO - CONN
ATTN ATTN PAUL BUCENS
7500 GRACE DRIVE
COLUMBIA, MD 21044

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21400206** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21400206

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: W R GRACE & CO - CONN

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.58 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 211.70

Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4369-01G	G	WRG #1
WM4369-02G	G	WRG #2

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

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APPEALS

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April 6, 2023

ASHBURNHAM WATER DEPARTMENT
17 CENTRAL STREET
ASHBURNHAM, MA 01430

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **20701101** for 2023-2033.

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Enclosures

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20701101

River Basin: MILLERS

Registrant: ASHBURNHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.18

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 65.70

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

Source ID
2011000-01S

Type
S

Source Name
UPPER NAUKEAG LAKE

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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2. Records:

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3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

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Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

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- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
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7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

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AYER DPW WATER DIVISION
25 BROOK STREET
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21101901** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21101901

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: AYER DPW WATER DIVISION

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.82

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 298.29

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2019000-01G	G	GROVE POND WELL #1
2019000-02G	G	GROVE POND WELL #2
2019000-06G	G	WELL 6 (GROVE POND 1A)
2019000-07G	G	WELL 7 (GROVE POND 2A)

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

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MASSACHUSETTS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AGENCY
33 ANDREWS PARKWAY
DEVENS, MA 01434

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21101903** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers and Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. Your Registration Statement includes both public water supply and golf course irrigation withdrawals, and so nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for both types of water use are included. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1, are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held house or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for golf course irrigation that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21101903 River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: MASSACHUSETTS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AGENCY

Use: Public Water Supply and Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.35 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 491.69
Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023 Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5
Groundwater: 4 Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2019001-03G	G	MACPHERSON WELL
2019001-04G	G	GROVE POND WELLFIELD
2019001-05G	G	PATTON WELL
2019001-06G	G	SHABOKIN WELL (Replace)
WM4491-01S	S	C-1/NASHUA RIVER

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions for During Times of Drought:

A. Public Water Supplies - Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1:

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Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

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B. Golf Operations - The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

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If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

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Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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AYER DPW WATER DIVISION
25 BROOK STREET
AYER, MA 01432

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Please find the attached documents:

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

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Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21301901

River Basin: MERRIMACK

Registrant: AYER DPW WATER DIVISION

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.66

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 240.90

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2019000-09G	G	SPECTACLE POND WELL #2A
2019000-10G	G	SPECTACLE POND WELL #1B

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20802101

River Basin: CHICOPEE

Registrant: BARRE WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.26

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 93.30

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2021000-01G	G	WELL #1
2021000-01S	S	BARRE TOWN RESERVOIR
2021000-02G	G	WELL #2
2021000-03G	G	SOUTH BARRE WELL

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7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

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Date



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26 BLACKSTONE STREET
BELLINGHAM, MA 02019-1602

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21202501** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/BELLINGHAM-# 21202501-BELLINGHAM DPW WATER & SEWER DIVISION- WMA-Registration - 2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/BELLINGHAM-#21202501-BELLINGHAM%20DPW%20WATER%20&%20SEWER%20DIVISION-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21202501

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: BELLINGHAM DPW WATER & SEWER DIVISION

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.77

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 281.05

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 8

Groundwater: 8

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
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BELLINGHAM DPW WATER & SEWER DIVISION
26 BLACKSTONE STREET
BELLINGHAM, MA 02019-1602

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **22002501** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 22002501

River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: BELLINGHAM DPW WATER & SEWER DIVISION

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.39
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 142.35

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3
Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2025000-05G	G	GP WELL #5
2025000-08G	G	GP WELL #8
2025000-23G	G	GP WELL #7.1

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

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The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

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AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES NORTHEAST REGION
1715 BROADWAY
SAUGUS, MA 01906

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21402802** for 2023-2033.

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

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Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21402802

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES NORTHEAST REGION

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.34 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 122.40

Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4656-01S	S	ASSABET RIVER

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

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The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Annual Reporting

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notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

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BLACKSTONE WATER DEPARTMENT
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21203201** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/BLACKSTONE-# 21203201-BLACKSTONE WATER DEPARTMENT- WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/BLACKSTONE-#21203201-BLACKSTONE%20WATER%20DEPARTMENT-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21203201

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: BLACKSTONE WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.44

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 160.60

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2032000-04G	G	WELL #4
2032000-05G	G	WELL #5 AND 5A
2032000-07G	G	WELL #7

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

April 6, 2023

Date



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ESCALANTE - THE INTERNATIONAL LLC
159 BALLVILLE ROAD
BOLTON, MA 01740

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #21103401 for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21103401

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: ESCALANTE - THE INTERNATIONAL LLC

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.12

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 42.60

Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2034004-03G	G	WELL #3
WM4492-01G	G	WELL #1 (IRRIGATION)
WM4492-02G	G	WELL #2 (IRRIGATION)

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

5. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

7. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

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Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21103902** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

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- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21103902

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.19

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 69.35

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2039000-01G	G	WELL #1
2039000-02G	G	WELL #2

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

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- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

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The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21203901

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.17
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 62.05

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2
Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2039000-04G	G	GP WELL #4
2039000-05G	G	GP WELL #5

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

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Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

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- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

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The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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THE HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB
P. O. BOX 756
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #**V21103901** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/ BOYLSTON-#V21103901 - THE HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB-WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/BOYLSTON-#V21103901-THETHEHAVENCOUNTRYCLUB-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: V21103901

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: THE HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.03

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 7.04

Days of Operation: 214

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

5. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

7. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT
6 CENTRAL STREET
BROOKFIELD, MA 01506

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **20804501** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20804501

River Basin: CHICOPEE

Registrant: BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.09

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 32.38

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2045000-02G	G	GDW #2 QUABOG STREET
2045000-03G	G	GDW #3 QUABOG STREET
2045000-04G	G	GDW #4 QUABOG STREET
2045000-05G	G	GDW #5 QUABOG STREET

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

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- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21106402** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

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Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21106402

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: MWRA

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 126.12*
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 46033.80*

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2
Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 2

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
6000000-01S	S	COSGROVE AQUEDUCT INTAKE
6000000-01S	S	WACHUSETT RESERVOIR

*NORMAL VARIATION: MWRA is registered for 126.12 MGD in the Nashua River Basin and 186.70 MGD in the Chicopee Basin, for a total registered volume of 312.82 MGD. In accordance with 310 CMR 36.36, the Department has determined that with normal variation MWRA can withdraw up to 179.00 MGD from the Nashua River Basin and up to 278.30 MGD in the Chicopee Basin. As further required by 310 CMR 36.36(3) withdrawals authorized through normal variation cannot exceed the total registered volume. Therefore, MWRA’s combined withdrawal volumes from the Nashua River Basin and the Chicopee Basin cannot exceed the total registered withdrawal volume of 312.82 MGD, including the normal variation, in any year.

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21106403

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: CLINTON WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 2.00

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 731.30

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

Source ID
2064000-03S

Type
S

Source Name
WACHUSETT RESERVOIR

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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DOUGLAS WATER DEPARTMENT
WEST STREET
EAST DOUGLAS, MA 01516-0624

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21207701** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/EAST DOUGLAS-# 21207701-DOUGLAS WATER DEPARTMENT- WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/EAST%20DOUGLAS-%2021207701-DOUGLAS%20WATER%20DEPARTMENT-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21207701

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: DOUGLAS WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.20

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 73.00

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2077000-01G	G	WEST STREET TUBULAR WELLS
2077000-02G	G	WEST STREET WELL #2

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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DUDLEY WATER DEPARTMENT
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DUDLEY, MA 01571

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21008001

River Basin: FRENCH

Registrant: DUDLEY WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.03
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 375.83

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5
Groundwater: 5

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2080000-01G	G	WELL #1
2080000-03G	G	WELL #3
2080000-04G	G	WELL #4
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2080000-07G	G	WELL #7

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7. Registration Renewal

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The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
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Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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April 6, 2023

Date



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20808401

River Basin: CHICOPEE

Registrant: EAST BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.11

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 40.76

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 0

Source ID
2084000-01G

Type
G

Source Name
WEST STREET WELL

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

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such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **20809701** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20809701

River Basin: CHICOPEE

Registrant: FITCHBURG WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.67*

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 244.55*

*Pursuant to the regulations at 310 CMR 36.36, this registration contains recognition of normal variation in the amount of 2.26 MGD or 824 MGY from Mare Meadow Reservoir in the Chicopee River Basin. As further required by 310 CMR 36.36(3) the total combined withdrawals from your registered sources in the Chicopee River Basin and Nashua River Basin cannot exceed 6.86 MGD on average or 2503.9 MGY in any calendar year.

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

Source ID
2097000-06S

Type
S

Source Name
MARE MEADOW RESERVOIR

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #**21109704** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21109704

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: OAK HILL COUNTRY CLUB

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.11

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 9.90

Days of Operation: 90

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4500-01G	G	16TH WELL
WM4500-02G	G	12TH WELL
WM4500-03G	G	14TH WELL

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

5. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

7. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

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In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

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Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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NEWARK INTERNATIONAL
100 NEWARK WAY
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21109705** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21109705

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: NEWARK INTERNATIONAL

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 5.20 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 1898.00
Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 2

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM3630-01S	S	SNOW MILL POND #8 MILL
WM3630-02S	S	SNOW MILL POND CSP

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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5. Registration Renewal

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FITCHBURG WATER DEPARTMENT
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21109706** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21109706

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: FITCHBURG WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 6.19
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 2259.35

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 6
Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 6

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2097000-01S	S	MEETINGHOUSE RESERVOIR
2097000-02S	S	SCOTT RESERVOIR
2097000-03S	S	WACHUSETT LAKE
2097000-04S	S	LOVELL RESERVOIR
2097000-05S	S	FALULAH RESERVOIR
2097000-07S	S	OVERLOOK RESERVOIR

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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APPEALS

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FRANKLIN DPW WATER DIVISION
257 FISHER STREET
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **22010102** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 22010102

River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: FRANKLIN DPW WATER DIVISION

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.99
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 726.35

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 10

Groundwater: 10

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2101000-01G	G	WELL #1
2101000-02G	G	WELL #2
2101000-03G	G	WELL #3
2101000-04G	G	WELL #4
2101000-05G	G	WELL #5
2101000-06G	G	WELL #6
2101000-07G	G	WELL #7
2101000-11G	G	WELL #2A
2101000-12G	G	WELL #2B
2101000-13G	G	WELL #3A

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

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FRANKLIN COUNTRY CLUB
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FRANKLIN, MA 02038

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

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- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #**22010103** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 22010103

River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: FRANKLIN COUNTRY CLUB

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.20

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 42.00

Days of Operation: 214

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4563-01G	G	WELL
WM4563-01S	S	COURSE RESERVOIR

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

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Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

5. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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GARDNER WATER DEPARTMENT
99 HEYWOOD STREET
GARDNER, MA 01440

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **20710301** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20710301

River Basin: MILLERS

Registrant: GARDNER WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.69
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 615.97

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3
Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 3

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2103000-01S	S	CRYSTAL LAKE
2103000-02S	S	PERLEY BROOK
2103000-03S	S	COWEE POND (MARM JOHNS)

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

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Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

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4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

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SOUTH GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT
370 PROVIDENCE ROAD
SOUTH GRAFTON, MA 01560

Dear Registrant:

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If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21211002

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: SOUTH GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.20

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 73.00

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2110001-01G	G	PROVIDENCE ROAD WELL #1
2110001-02G	G	FERRY STREET WELL #2
2110001-03G	G	FERRY STREET WELL #3

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Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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April 6, 2023

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March 10, 2025

GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT
PO BOX 537
GRAFTON, MA 01519

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The REVISED Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21211004** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

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Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21211004

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: GRAFTON WATER

DISTRICT Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.60
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 219.00

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Revised: March 10, 2025

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2110000-02G	G	WORCESTER ST GPWELL #1
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WEST GROTON WATER DISTRICT
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WEST GROTON, MA 01472-0246

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The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21111501

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: WEST GROTON WATER DISTRICT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.27

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 98.55

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 0

Source ID

2115001-03G

Type

G

Source Name

TOWNSEND ROAD WELLFIELD

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

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In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

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7. Registration Renewal

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8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21111502** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/GROTON-# 21111502-HOLLINGSWORTH & VOSE COMPANY- WMA-Registration -2023/04/06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/GROTON-#21111502-HOLLINGSWORTH%20%26%20VOSE%20COMPANY-WMA-Registration-2023/04/06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21111502

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: HOLLINGSWORTH & VOSE COMPANY

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 2.42 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 883.50

Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4504-01S	S	SQUANNACOOK RIVER

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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1. Metering:

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You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21311501

River Basin: MERRIMACK

Registrant: GROTON WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.22

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 79.04

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 0

Source ID
2115000-02G

Type
G

Source Name
BADDACOOK WELL

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

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Boston, MA 02211

The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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JEFFERSON, MA 01522

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #21113401 for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://mass.gov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/JEFFERSON -# 21113401 - BUSY BEE NURSERY- WMA-Registration -2023-/04-/06](https://mass.gov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/JEFFERSON-%20#21113401-BUSY%20BEE%20NURSERY-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21113401

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: BUSY BEE NURSERY

Use: Agriculture

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.13
Days of Operation: 240

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 32.20

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 2

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4509-01S	S	BUSY BEE NURSEY POND A
WM4509-02S	S	BUSY BEE NURSEY POND B

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

4. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

5. Registration Renewal

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6. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

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notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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HOLDEN WATER DEPARTMENT
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21113404** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP/WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/HOLDEN-# 21113404-HOLDEN WATER DEPARTMENT- WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP/WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/HOLDEN-%2021113404-HOLDEN%20WATER%20DEPARTMENT-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21113404

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: HOLDEN WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.15
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 419.16

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 6
Groundwater: 5

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2134000-01S	S	MUSCHOPAUGE POND
2134000-02G	G	QUINAPOXET WELL
2134000-03G	G	MILL STREET TWF
2134000-04G	G	MASON ROAD TWF
2134000-05G	G	SPRING STREET REP WELL
2134000-06G	G	QUINIPOXET GP WELL #2

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

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- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

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- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21113406** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21113406

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: R J PAQUETTE LLC

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.30 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 108.89

Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4512-01G	G	WELL #1
WM4512-01S	S	C-1 MAN MADE POND

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April 6, 2023

HOLLISTON WATER DEPARTMENT
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **22013601** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 22013601

River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: HOLLISTON WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.14

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 416.10

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5

Groundwater: 5

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2136000-01G	G	NORFOLK STREET #1
2136000-04G	G	WASHINGTON STREET #4
2136000-05G	G	CENTRAL STREET #5
2136000-06G	G	BROOK STREET #6
2136000-08G	G	MAPLE STREET #2R

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

April 6, 2023

Date



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HOPEDALE COUNTRY CLUB
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PO BOX 126
HOPEDALE, MA 01747

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

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- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #21213801 for 2023-2033.

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21213801

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: HOPEDALE COUNTRY CLUB

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.10

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 25.00

Days of Operation: 240

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM3647-01S	S	MILL RIVER

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
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In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

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4. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

7. Registration Transfer

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notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21213802** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21213802

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: HOPEDALE WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.41

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 149.65

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2138000-01G	G	MILL STREET WELLFIELD
2138000-02G	G	GREEN ST GP WELL
2138000-03G	G	GREEN ST GP WELL REP #1
2138000-04G	G	GREEN ST GP WELL REP #2

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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WESTON, MA 02493

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #**21413902** for 2023-2033.

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("the Department") hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21413902

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: LEGACY FARMS LLC

Use: Agriculture

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.76
Days of Operation: 180

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 136.80

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 17
Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 17

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4340-01S	S	RUDY'S POND
WM4340-02S	S	BUSCONI POND
WM4340-03S	S	MEADOW AUX. POND
WM4340-04S	S	MEADOW POND
WM4340-05S	S	GARDEN CENTER POND
WM4340-06S	S	HILL POND
WM4340-07S	S	CANAL SYSTEM
WM4340-08S	S	KIDNEY POND
WM4340-09S	S	IRRIGATION POND

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WM4340-10S	S	STONE POND
WM4340-11S	S	TONY'S BRIDGE CANAL
WM4340-12S	S	IRRIGATION CANAL/POND
WM4340-13S	S	LEAKY POND
WM4340-14S	S	ISLAND POND
WM4340-15S	S	IRRIGATION POND/FIELD 37N
WM4340-16S	S	IRRIGATION POND/FIELD 28
WM4340-17S	S	IRRIGATION POND/FIELD 37S

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).
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5. Registration Renewal

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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21413901** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21413901

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: HOPKINTON WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.56

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 204.40

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2139000-01G	G	FRUIT STREET WELL #1
2139000-02G	G	FRUIT STREET WELL #2
2139000-03G	G	FRUIT STREET WELL #3

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21414101

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: INTEL CORP

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.11 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 40.82
Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 0

Source ID

WM3629-01G

Type

G

Source Name

PRODUCTION WELL D-1

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

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The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Annual Reporting

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APPEALS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21414102

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: HUDSON WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 2.00

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 730.00

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2141000-01G	G	RIMKUS WELL - EMERGENCY
2141000-01S	S	GATES POND
2141000-02G	G	CRANBERRY WELL
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7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
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P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

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Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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LANCASTER WATER DEPARTMENT
392 MILL STREET EXTENSION
LANCASTER, MA 01523

Dear Registrant:

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- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
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If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/LANCASTER-# 21114701-LANCASTER WATER DEPARTMENT- WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/LANCASTER-%2021114701-LANCASTER%20WATER%20DEPARTMENT-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21114701

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: LANCASTER WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.53
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 192.17

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2
Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2147000-01G	G	WELL #1
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CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DIS
P O BOX 138
ROCHDALE, MA 01542

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

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- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21015101** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

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Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21015101

River Basin: FRENCH

Registrant: CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DIS

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.27

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 98.48

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

Source ID
2151001-01S

Type
S

Source Name
HENSHAW POND

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

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2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

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Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

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- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
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The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

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6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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LEICESTER WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT
P O BOX 86
LEICESTER, MA 01524

Dear Registrant:

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21215101

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: LEICESTER WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.19

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 69.35

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2151000-01G	G	ROCK WELL #1
2151000-02G	G	ROCK WELL #2
2151000-03G	G	ROCK WELL #3
2151000-04G	G	JIM DANDY DUG WELL

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 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

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In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

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Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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GOVE FARM
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #21115303 for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21115303

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: GOVE FARM

Use: Agriculture

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.04
Days of Operation: 184

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 7.90

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4507-01S	S	FARM POND

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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LEOMINSTER DPW WATER DIVISION
109 GRAHAM STREET
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21115302** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21115302

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: LEOMINSTER DPW WATER DIVISION

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 4.94

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 1804.62

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 7

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 4

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2153000-01S	S	FALL BROOK RESERVOIR
2153000-02S	S	SIMONDS POND
2153000-03G	G	SE WELL #110, SE CORNER
2153000-03S	S	DISTRIBUTING RESERVOIR
2153000-04G	G	SE WELL #120, SE CORNER
2153000-04S	S	WACHUSETT RESERVOIR
2153000-05G	G	SE WELL #160, SE CORNER

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1. Metering:

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2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

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- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
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A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

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The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

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The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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PATRIOT BEVERAGES LLC
C/O CPF INC.
25 COPELAND DR
AYER, MA 01432

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

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All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21315801

River Basin: MERRIMACK

Registrant: PATRIOT BEVERAGES LLC

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.22 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 80.30
Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4413-01G	G	PROCESS WELL #1

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AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES STONE CRUSH PLT
1715 BROADWAY
SAUGUS, MA 01906

Dear Registrant:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21315802

River Basin: MERRIMACK

Registrant: AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES STONE CRUSH PLT

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.58 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 577.00

Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 7

Groundwater: 5

Surface water: 2

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4414-01G	G	WELL 3
WM4414-02G	G	WELL 4
WM4414-03G	G	WELL 5
WM4414-04G	G	WELL 6
WM4414-05G	G	WELL 7
WM4414-06S	S	QUARRY POND
WM4414-07S	S	RECIRCULATING POND

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The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

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- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21315803

River Basin: MERRIMACK

Registrant: LITTLETON WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.83
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 304.58

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 6
Groundwater: 6

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2158000-02G	G	WHITCOMB GPW #1
2158000-04G	G	SPECTACLE POND WELL
2158000-05G	G	WELL 2-1
2158000-06G	G	WELL 2-2
2158000-07G	G	WELL 2-3
2158000-08G	G	WHITCOMB WELLFIELD #3

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
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In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

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The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The REVISED Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21109703** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
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Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/ LUNENBURG-# 21109703-PJKEATING COMPANY- WMA-Registration -2023/12/08 Revised](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/LUNENBURG-#21109703-PJKEATING%20COMPANY-WMA-Registration-2023/12/08%20Revised)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21109703

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: PJKEATING COMPANY

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.52 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 553.59

Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Revised: December 8, 2023

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4499-01G	G	WELL #1
WM4499-01S	S	C-1
WM4499-02G	G	WELL #2
WM4499-03G	G	WELL #3
WM4499-04G	G	WELL #2 Replacement

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

4. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

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5. Registration Renewal

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6. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

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notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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LUNENBURG WATER DISTRICT
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

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- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21116201** for 2023-2033.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21116201

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: LUNENBURG WATER DISTRICT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.29

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 107.60

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2162000-01G	G	WELL #1
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135 NEIL STREET
MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

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¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

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If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21417001

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: MARLBOROUGH DPW WATER DIVISION

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.58

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 211.70

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 2

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2170000-01S	S	MILLHAM RESERVOIR
2170000-02S	S	LAKE WILLIAMS

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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TOWN BUILDING
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You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21417401

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: MAYNARD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.09
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 397.85

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5
Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2174000-01G	G	OLD MARLBORO RD WELL #1
2174000-01S	S	WHITE POND
2174000-02G	G	OLD MARLBORO RD WELL #1A
2174000-03G	G	OLD MARLBORO RD WELL #3
2174000-04G	G	GREAT ROAD WELL #4

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7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

April 6, 2023

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MEDFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT
TOWN HALL
459 MAIN STREET
MEDFIELD, MA 02052

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21917501** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/MEDFIELD-# 21917501-MEDFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT- WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/MEDFIELD-#21917501-MEDFIELD%20WATER%20DEPARTMENT-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21917501

River Basin: BOSTON HARBOR

Registrant: MEDFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.92

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 335.80

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2175000-03G	G	WELL #3
2175000-04G	G	WELL #4

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

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Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 22017501

River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: MEDFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.11

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 40.15

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2175000-01G	G	WELL 1
2175000-02G	G	WELL 2

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

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2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

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Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

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- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
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- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
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 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
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- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

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6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 22017701

River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: MEDWAY WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.72

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 262.80

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5

Groundwater: 5

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2177000-01G	G	POPULATIC STREET
2177000-02G	G	OAKLAND STREET WELL
2177000-03G	G	VILLAGE STREET WELL
2177000-05G	G	VILLAGE ST REP WELL
2177000-06G	G	POPULATIC STREE WELL 1S

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 22018501

River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: MILFORD WATER COMPANY

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 2.88
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 1051.20

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 10
Groundwater: 8

Surface water: 2

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2185000-01S	S	CHARLES RIVER
2185000-02G	G	CLARK ISLAND WELL FIELD
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2185000-03G	G	GODFREY WELL #1
2185000-04G	G	GODFREY WELL #2
2185000-05G	G	GODFREY WELL #4
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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21218602

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: AQUARION WATER COMPANY: MILLBURY

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.03

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 375.95

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2186000-01G	G	MILLBURY WELL
2186000-02G	G	OAK POND WELL
2186000-03G	G	JACQUES WELL #1
2186000-04G	G	JACQUES WELL #2

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2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

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AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES NORTHEAST REGION
1715 BROADWAY
SAUGUS, MA 01906

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21218604** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21218604

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES NORTHEAST REGION

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.08 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 285.12

Days of Operation: 264

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 3

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM3861-01G	G	WELL #2
WM3861-01S	S	C-1
WM3861-02G	G	DOMESTIC WELL #3
WM3861-02S	S	WASH WATER PUMP #2
WM3861-03S	S	CONCRETE MIX PLANT #1

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TRESCA BROTHERS SAND & GRAVEL INC
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River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: TRESKA BROTHERS SAND & GRAVEL INC

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.08 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 29.20

Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4554-01S	S	POND

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MILLIS WATER DEPARTMENT
900 MAIN STREET
MILLIS, MA 02054

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Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **22018702** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

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Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 22018702

River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: MILLIS WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.63

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 229.95

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2187000-03G	G	WELL #3
2187000-04G	G	WELL #4 (S END PND)

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

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The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

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Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

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- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
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The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

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The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

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NORFOLK WATER DEPARTMENT
33 MEDWAY BRANCH
NORFOLK, MA 02056

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 22020802

River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: NORFOLK WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.17
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 62.05

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1
Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 0

Source ID
2208000-01G

Type
G

Source Name
GOLD STREET WELL 1

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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MCI NORFOLK
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If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 22020804

River Basin: CHARLES

Registrant: MCI NORFOLK

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.49

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 178.85

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2208001-01G	G	DUG WELL STATION #1
2208001-03G	G	GP WELL STATION #4
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2. Records:

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3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

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² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

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NORTH BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT
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NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA 01535

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20821201

River Basin: CHICOPEE

Registrant: NORTH BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.43

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 158.62

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

Source ID
2212000-02S

Type
S

Source Name
NORTH POND

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Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

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- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

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BIGELOW NURSERIES INC
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21421502

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: BIGELOW NURSERIES INC

Use: Agriculture

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.15
Days of Operation: 215

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 32.25

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4345-01G	G	WELL #1 (GEN N)
WM4345-01S	S	RESERVIOR W/D
WM4345-04G	G	WELL #2 (HOUSE WELL)

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Use: Agriculture

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.12
Days of Operation: 92

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 10.78

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

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WM4347-01S	S	SMITH POND

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Sincerely,

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21421503

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: NORTHBOROUGH WATER & SEWER DEPT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.74

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 270.10

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2215000-01G	G	BRIGHAM STREET WELL
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The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

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The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

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Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

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The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 4062
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21221601

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: WHITINSVILLE WATER COMPANY

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.09

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 397.85

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2216000-01G	G	MEADOW POND TWF
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The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

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July 1, 2025

NORTHBRIDGE MILLS LLC
1600 BEACON STREET, UNIT 211
BROOKLINE, MA 02446

Dear Registrant:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) received a BRP WM01 registration transfer application on June 18, 2025 to transfer two sources registered (21221602) with the Water Management Act (WMA) from Coz/Henry W. Coz/Coz Realty to Northbridge Mills LLC. According to the transfer application form, there will be no change in the use of the authorized water withdrawal volumes or withdrawal points, in the discharge point of the water after use, or in the number of days per year that the water will be withdrawn.

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21221602** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Shi Chen at shi.chen@mass.gov or (857) 360-0042.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21221602

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: NOTHBRIDGE MILLS LLC

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.32 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 115.00

Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Transferred Date: July 1, 2025

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM3858-01G	G	PUMPHOUSE 1
WM3858-02G	G	PUMPHOUSE 2

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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April 6, 2023

WHITINSVILLE GOLF CLUB
179 FLETCHER STREET
WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #21221603 for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

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- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21221603

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: WHITINSVILLE GOLF CLUB

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.05

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 8.54

Days of Operation: 180

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM3651-01S	S	MUMFORD RIVER

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
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In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

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AQUARION WATER COMPANY: OXFORD
24 PROVIDENCE STREET
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21022601** for 2023-2033.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21022601

River Basin: FRENCH

Registrant: AQUARION WATER COMPANY: OXFORD

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.78

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 285.98

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2226000-01G	G	WELL #1
2226000-02G	G	WELL #2
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6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

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April 6, 2023

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PAXTON WATER DEPARTMENT
107 HOLDEN ROAD
PAXTON, MA 01612

Dear Registrant:

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If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21122802

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: PAXTON WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.27

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 98.10

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

Source ID
2228000-01S

Type
S

Source Name
ASNEBUMSKIT RESERVOIR

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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PEPPERELL WATER DEPARTMENT
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21123202** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

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[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/PEPPERELL-# 21123202-PEPPERELL WATER DEPARTMENT- WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/PEPPERELL-%2021123202-PEPPERELL%20WATER%20DEPARTMENT-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21123202

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: PEPPERELL WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.74

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 268.59

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2232000-01G	G	BEMIS ROAD WELL #1
2232000-02G	G	JERSEY STREET WELL #1
2232000-04G	G	BEMIS ROAD WELL #2

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

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WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATES
499 MOUNTAIN ROAD
PRINCETON, MA 01541

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

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Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

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All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21124101

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATES

Use: Snow-making

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.34 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 52.43

Days of Operation: 153

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 2

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4520-01G	G	WELL #1
WM4520-02G	G	WELL #2
WM4520-03G	G	WELL #3
WM4520-04S	S	SNOW POND #1
WM4520-05S	S	POND #2

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

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notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

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RUTLAND WATER DEPARTMENT
17 POMMOGUSSETT ROAD
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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21125701

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: RUTLAND WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.26

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 94.83

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

Source ID
2257000-01S

Type
S

Source Name
MUSCHOPAUGE RESERVOIR

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

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Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

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The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

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4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

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The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21227101

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: SHREWSBURY WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 2.64
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 963.74

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 6
Groundwater: 6

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2271000-02G	G	SEWELL STREET #4
2271000-05G	G	LAMBERT'S #3.2
2271000-07G	G	HOME FARM #6.1
2271000-09G	G	HOME FARM #6.3
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You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20927801

River Basin: QUINEBAUG

Registrant: SOUTHBRIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 2.01

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 735.10

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 4

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2278000-01S	S	HATCHET BROOK RES 3
2278000-02S	S	HATCHET BROOK RES 4
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² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20828001

River Basin: CHICOPEE

Registrant: SPENCER WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.48

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 175.20

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2280000-01G	G	CRANBERRY BROOK WELL
2280000-01S	S	SHAW POND

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

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The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

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Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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BOND CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION
ROUTE 31 NORTH
SPENCER, MA 01562

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **20828002** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20828002

River Basin: CHICOPEE

Registrant: BOND CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.27 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 67.00
Days of Operation: 245

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM3819-01S	S	SEVENMILE RIVER

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

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STERLING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 WORCESTER ROAD
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
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Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

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- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21128202

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: STERLING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.40

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 144.58

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2282000-03G	G	WELL #3
2282000-06G	G	WORCESTER ROAD WELL 2A
2282000-07G	G	WORCESTER ROAD WELL 2B
2282000-08G	G	WORCESTER ROAD WELL 2C

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In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

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Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
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In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

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P.O. Box 4062
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The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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58 RANDALL ROAD
STOW, MA 01775

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #**21428602** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/ STOW-#21428602 - STOW ACRES COUNTRY CLUB SCC ASSOC-WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/STOW-#21428602-STOW%20ACRES%20COUNTRY%20CLUB%20SCC%20ASSOC-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21428602

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: STOW ACRES COUNTRY CLUB SCC ASSOC

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.14

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 30.86

Days of Operation: 214

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 4

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2286009-01G	G	WELL #1
WM4351-01S	S	9TH HOLE POND
WM4351-02S	S	10TH HOLE POND
WM4351-03S	S	WHEELER POND
WM4351-04S	S	13TH HOLE POND/ASSABET R.

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

7. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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April 6, 2023

STURBRIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT
PO BOX 182
STURBRIDGE, MA 01566-0975

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **20928701** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20928701

River Basin: QUINEBAUG

Registrant: STURBRIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.69

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 252.29

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2287000-01G	G	WELL #1
2287000-02G	G	WELL #2
2287000-03G	G	WELL #3
2287000-05G	G	WELL #5

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

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P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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April 6, 2023

PLEASANT VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #**21229002** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/ SUTTON-#21229002 - PLEASANT VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB-WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/SUTTON-#21229002-PLEASANT%20VALLEY%20COUNTRY%20CLUB-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21229002

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: PLEASANT VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.16

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 19.04

Days of Operation: 119

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4533-01S	S	POND ON COLD SPRING BROOK

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

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6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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P. O. BOX 20
86 BRIDGE STREET
BALDWINVILLE, MA 01436

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **20729401** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20729401

River Basin: MILLERS

Registrant: TEMPLETON WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.53

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 195.03

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2294000-01G	G	OTTER RIVER WELL
2294000-04G	G	MAPLE STREET WELL #1
2294000-05G	G	MAPLE STREET WELL #2
2294000-06G	G	SAWYER STREET WELL

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

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Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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SEAMAN PAPER CO OF MASS INC
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BALDWINVILLE, MA 01436

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **20729402** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

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[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/BALDWINVILLE-# 20729402-SEAMAN PAPER CO OF MASS INC- WMA-Registration -2023/04/06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/BALDWINVILLE-#20729402-SEAMAN%20PAPER%20CO%20OF%20MASS%20INC-WMA-Registration-2023/04/06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Water Withdrawals Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, as applicable.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.

Many Registrants also hold Water Management Act permits. If the Registrant holds a Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20729402

River Basin: MILLERS

Registrant: SEAMAN PAPER CO OF MASS INC

Use: Industry

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.19 Total Annual Volume (MGY): 436.00

Days of Operation: 365

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM3811-01G	G	OTTER RIVER WELL
WM3811-01S	S	OTTER RIVER

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notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

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TOWNSEND WATER DEPARTMENT
540 MAIN STREET
WEST TOWNSEND, MA 01474

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21129902** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

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- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21129902

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: TOWNSEND WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.76

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 277.40

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 4

Groundwater: 4

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2299000-01G	G	MAIN STREET STATION #1
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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21230401

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: UXBRIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.66
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 240.90

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 5
Groundwater: 5

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2304000-01G	G	WELL #1
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Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21031603

River Basin: FRENCH

Registrant: WEBSTER DPW

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.34
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 489.94

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 7
Groundwater: 7

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2316000-01G	G	MEMORIAL BEACH GP WELL
2316000-03G	G	BIGELOW ROAD GP WELL
2316000-04G	G	WELL 1 MEMORIAL BEACH
2316000-05G	G	WELL 2 MEMORIAL BEACH
2316000-06G	G	WELL 3 MEMORIAL BEACH
2316000-07G	G	WELL 4 MEMORIAL BEACH
2316000-08G	G	WELL 5 MEMORIAL BEACH

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7. Registration Renewal

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Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

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WEST BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT
183 WORCESTER STREET
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21132101** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/WEST BOYLSTON-# 21132101-WEST BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT- WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/WEST%20BOYLSTON-%20#21132101-WEST%20BOYLSTON%20WATER%20DISTRICT-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21132101

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: WEST BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.56

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 204.26

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 3

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2321000-01G	G	OAKDALE WELL
2321000-04G	G	LEE STREET #4 WELL
2321000-05G	G	PLEASANT VALLEY WELL

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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WACHUSETT COUNTRY CLUB
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #21132102 for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/ WEST BOYLSTON-#21132102 - WACHUSETT COUNTRY CLUB-WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/WEST%20BOYLSTON-%2021132102-WACHUSETT%20COUNTRY%20CLUB-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21132102

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: WACHUSETT COUNTRY CLUB

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.12

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 17.60

Days of Operation: 153

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4531-01S	S	MALDEN BROOK IMPOUNDMENT

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

5. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

7. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
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Boston, MA 02114

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WEST BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT
TOWN HALL, MAIN STREET
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **20832301** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20832301

River Basin: CHICOPEE

Registrant: WEST BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.26

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 94.26

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 2

Surface water: 0

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2323000-01G	G	GP WELL 1
2323000-06G	G	WELL 2R

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

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If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

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The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21432804

River Basin: CONCORD

Registrant: WESTBOROUGH WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 1.92
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 700.80

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 8
Groundwater: 7

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2328000-01G	G	HOPKINTON ROAD WELL
2328000-01S	S	SANDRA POND RESERVOIR
2328000-02G	G	MORSE STREET WELL
2328000-03G	G	ANDREWS I WELL
2328000-04G	G	ANDREWS II WELL
2328000-05G	G	OTIS STREET WELL
2328000-06G	G	WILKINSON WELL
2328000-12G	G	OTIS STREET WELL R1

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The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

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Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

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² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
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- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
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- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
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The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

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Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21133201

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: WESTMINSTER WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.24

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 88.65

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

Source ID
2332000-01S

Type
S

Source Name
MEETINGHOUSE POND

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

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The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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WESTMINSTER GOLF COURSE INC
51 ELLIS ROAD
WESTMINSTER, MA 01473

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #21133202 for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/ WESTMINSTER-#21133202 - WESTMINSTER GOLF COURSE INC-WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/WESTMINSTER-#21133202-WESTMINSTER%20GOLF%20COURSE%20INC-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21133202

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: WESTMINSTER GOLF COURSE INC

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.33

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 71.50

Days of Operation: 214

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM4530-01S	S	BURNT MILLPOND

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 80 percent of normal, irrigation of roughs shall be reduced to 50 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of landscaping and ornamentals.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 60 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

5. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

7. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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WINCHENDON WATER DEPARTMENT
109 FRONT STREET
WINCHENDON, MA 01475

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **20734301** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 20734301

River Basin: MILLERS

Registrant: WINCHENDON WATER DEPARTMENT

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.67

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 245.06

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

Source ID
2343000-01S

Type
S

Source Name
UPPER NAUKEAG LAKE

REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

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Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

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7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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WORCESTER DPW
18 EAST WORCESTER ST
WORCESTER, MA 01604

Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21134801** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
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- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21134801

River Basin: NASHUA

Registrant: WORCESTER DPW

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 9.85

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 3595.25

Days of Operation: 365 days

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 3

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 3

Source ID

2348000-03S

2348000-04S

2348000-05S

Type

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Source Name

KENDALL RESERVOIR

PINE HILL RESERVOIR

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

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1222 PLEASANT STREET
WORCESTER, MA 01602

Dear Registrant:

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

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- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): irrigation of fairways shall be reduced to 40 percent of normal, and there shall be no irrigation of roughs, landscaping and ornamentals.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21234803

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: TATNUCK COUNTRY CLUB

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.05
Days of Operation: 175

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 9.48

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 2

Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM3860-01G	G	WELL #1
WM3860-01S	S	POND AT HOLE #1

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

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In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

Registrants shall notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date whenever required Nonessential Water Use Restrictions are implemented or revised in accordance with the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where the withdrawals are located.

The Notification of Water Use Restriction form is found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/outdoor-water-use-restrictions-for-cities-towns-and-golf-courses>.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

5. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

7. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the

notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

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In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

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The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement #**21234804** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baskin
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Enclosures

Cc: Duane LeVangie, MassDEP-WMA Program, Boston

[https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP WMA/Registration Renewal 2023/ Registration Statement/ WORCESTER-#21234804 - WORCESTER COUNTRY CLUB-WMA-Registration -2023-04-06](https://massgov.sharepoint.com/sites/DEP-BWR/DWP%20WMA/Registration%20Renewal%202023/Registration%20Statement/WORCESTER-#21234804-WORCESTER%20COUNTRY%20CLUB-WMA-Registration-2023-04-06)

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement For Golf Course Water Use Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water was withdrawn, including replacement wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, you shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use when such restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2. are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for Water Management Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

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You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.*

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of raw water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21234804

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: WORCESTER COUNTRY CLUB

Use: Golf

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 0.10

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 21.00

Days of Operation: 210

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 1

Groundwater: 0

Surface water: 1

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
WM3656-01S	S	POND ON POOR FARM BROOK

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede the corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

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The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Report Form it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times Of Drought:

The Registrant shall implement limits on nonessential outdoor water use when the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs declares a Level-1 Mild Drought or higher for the Drought Region where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c).

For withdrawals for the maintenance of golf course greens, tees, fairways, and roughs during a drought declaration by the Secretary for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, the Registrant shall comply with the following restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use:

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In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), once implemented, restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

If a portion of the Registrant's withdrawal is for non-golf course irrigation purposes and is used to meet the core function of its business as a venue for weddings or similar special events, the Registrant may water by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants. Such watering is excluded from the definition of Nonessential Outdoor Water Use in 310 CMR 36.03.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

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Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3 provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a **permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit shall supersede Condition 3.

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4. Annual Reporting

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6. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

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notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer of any withdrawal authorized by this document.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

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Dear Registrant:

Please find the attached documents:

- A description of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement Contents and Conditions for 2023-2033; and
- The Water Management Act Registrant Statement # **21234805** for 2023-2033.

If you have any questions regarding the Registration Statement, please contact Duane LeVangie at duane.levangie@mass.gov or (617) 780-1962 or Beth McCann at elizabeth.mccann@mass.gov or (857) 262-3205.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Water Management Act Registration Statement for Public Water Suppliers Summary of Content and Conditions for 2023-2033¹

This summary of the content and conditions of the enclosed renewed Water Management Act (WMA) Registration Statement is not intended to, and should not be construed as, modifying any of the content and conditions. In the event of any ambiguity between this summary and the actual content and conditions, the Registration Statement language shall control.

The enclosed renewed Registration Statement authorizes continued withdrawals from April 8, 2023 through April 7, 2033. This Registration Statement reflects your documented water withdrawals from January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1985, and the source locations from which this water is withdrawn, including replacement and satellite wells. Water Management Act Program registrants have the ability to renew their Registration Statement every ten years (310 CMR 36.10). You filed a timely Registration Renewal Request on forms provided by the Department, and the attached Registration Statement confirms your authorized registered withdrawal volumes and sources.

The Department has updated all Registration Statements to include replacement wells and/or satellite wells, if applicable.

The Water Management Regulations were amended on January 20, 2023, to allow Registration Statements to be conditioned to restrict nonessential outdoor water uses during droughts declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c). In accordance with the condition contained in your Registration Statement, implementation of restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by each affected registrant shall begin as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement. The restrictions are triggered by the Secretary's drought declaration for the drought region, county, or watershed where your withdrawals are located. The nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that the Department is including in your Registration Statement pursuant to 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), are summarized as follows:

¹ The expiration date for WMA Registration Statements in effect from 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2017 was extended:

- by 4 years by Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, collectively known as the Permit Extension Act; and
- by 462 days by the Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits," July 2, 2020.

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency): All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.
- d) Restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use at least as restrictive as described in (a) through (c) above shall remain in place for the respective declared drought level where your withdrawals are located until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

Note that Public Water Systems that are supplied entirely by reservoirs with multi-year storage (as defined at 310 CMR 36.03) have the option of developing a system-specific Drought Management Plan instead of following the restrictions described above and at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)1. Such plans must meet the criteria in the regulations (*see* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3.) and be accepted by the Department in order for the Public Water Systems to implement nonessential water use restrictions consistent with their plan instead of the restrictions described above.

You shall comply with all the conditions in the Registration Statement, provided, however, that **if you also hold a Water Management Act permit that includes conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in your permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, supersede the condition in this Registration Statement requiring you to implement restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use. *See* 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)6.

If you also hold a Water Management Act permit that does not include conditions requiring you to restrict nonessential outdoor water use, you must comply with the condition on restricting nonessential outdoor water use in this Registration Statement.

All registrants shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*, and all other applicable state and federal laws.



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RENEWAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR VERIFIED WATER WITHDRAWAL

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“the Department”) hereby accepts the Registration Renewal Request filed by the following Registrant pursuant to 310 CMR 36.10 for the water withdrawal described below. The Registrant is hereby authorized to withdraw up to the registered volume of water from the registered withdrawal point(s) until the expiration date, as set forth below, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21G and 310 CMR 36.00, subject to the Registration Conditions set forth below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Number: 21234805

River Basin: BLACKSTONE

Registrant: WORCESTER DPW

Use: Public Water Supply

Average Volume per Day (MGD): 14.22
Days of Operation: 365 days

Total Annual Volume (MGY): 5190.30

Effective Date: April 8, 2023

Expiration Date: April 7, 2033

Number of registered withdrawal points: 8
Groundwater: 1

Surface water: 7

<u>Source ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source Name</u>
2348000-01S	S	LYNDE BROOK RESERVOIR
2348000-02G	G	HOME FARM WELL
2348000-02S	S	HOLDEN #2 RESERVOIR
2348000-06S	S	HOLDEN #1 RESERVOIR
2348000-07S	S	KETTLE BROOK NO. 1
2348000-08S	S	KETTLE BROOK NO. 2
2348000-09S	S	KETTLE BROOK NO. 3
2348000-10S	S	KETTLE BROOK NO. 4

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REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

The Registrant shall comply at all times with M.G.L. c. 21G, 310 CMR 36.00, 310 CMR 4.00: *Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions*², and all other applicable state and federal laws. In addition, the Registrant shall comply with the following conditions provided, however, that if the Registrant holds a currently valid Water Management Act permit, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines, shall supersede any corresponding conditions in this Registration Statement.

1. Metering:

The Registrant shall install and maintain source meter(s) for each withdrawal point(s).

The Registrant shall calibrate all source meter(s) annually.

2. Records:

The Registrant shall maintain withdrawal records in sufficient detail to timely provide the information necessary to accurately complete each Annual Statistical Report (ASR) it files with the Department.

3. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions During Times of Drought:

Beginning as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after issuance of the Registration Statement, the Registrant shall establish enforceable restrictions limiting nonessential outdoor water use. Such restrictions shall be in place during a drought declaration by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the drought region, county or watershed where the Registrant's withdrawals are located, and nonessential outdoor water use shall be restricted as follows, in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c):

- a) Level 1 (Mild Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses restricted to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- b) Level 2 (Significant Drought). All nonessential outdoor water uses banned, except that watering of ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.
- c) Level 3 (Critical Drought) or Level 4 (Drought Emergency). All nonessential outdoor water uses are banned.

Once implemented, as required by 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c), restrictions at least as restrictive as those above shall remain in place for the declared drought level until the drought level is changed by the Secretary.

In accordance with 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3., if the Registrant only withdraws from surface water supplies with Multi-Year Drought Storage (defined at 310 CMR 36.03), as determined by the Department, the Registrant may implement nonessential outdoor water use restrictions in accordance with an accepted drought management plan instead of the restrictions described above. Such registrants shall submit a plan for acceptance within two years of the effective date of this Registration Statement and shall submit an updated plan with each renewal registration request thereafter. See 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)3. for plan requirements and criteria.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use means a use that is not required:

- (a) for health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines, or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;

² This includes the requirement to pay an annual compliance assurance fee in accordance with 310 CMR 4.03.

- (b) by permit, license, statute or regulation;
- (c) for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
- (d) for the maintenance of livestock;
- (e) to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - 1. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - 2. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a. through c.;
 - 3. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - 4. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
- (f) for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (g) for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.,
- (h) for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
- (i) to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

The Registration Statement does not confer enforcement authority to the Registrant. In order to enforce the restrictions required by Condition 3, the Registrant must ensure that appropriate enforcement authority that establishes penalties for violations is adopted within 24 months of issuance of this Registration Statement. MassDEP's "DEP Model Outdoor Water Use Bylaw/Ordinance" was updated in May 2018 to help municipalities and water districts implement seasonal water conservation requirements. See <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/model-water-use-restriction-bylawordinance-update>.

Nothing in this Registration Statement shall prevent the Registrant from implementing nonessential outdoor water use restrictions that are more stringent than those set forth at 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c) and contained herein.

Tracking Drought Status and Reporting Restriction Implementation During Drought

For the most up-to-date information on the drought status in your region, the Registrant should monitor the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dep and at www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status.

310 CMR 22.15(8) requires that all public water systems establishing mandatory restrictions on water use notify the Department in writing within 14 days of the effective date of such restrictions. Notice must include a description of the regulations, bylaws or ordinances imposing the restriction. Registrants may also be required to document implementation and enforcement of the restrictions in their ASRs.

Note: Registrants shall comply with Condition 3, provided, however, that if the Registrant holds **a permit that includes conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use**, then the conditions in the permit, including all applicable deadlines for implementation, shall supersede Condition 3.

A Registrant that **holds a permit that does not include conditions on restricting nonessential outdoor water use** must comply with Condition 3.

4. Service Charges

The Registrant shall not charge for water services on a descending unit rate basis (*i.e.*, decreasing block rates). Descending unit rate basis that charges lower unit prices as water use increases during the billing period are prohibited by M.G.L. c. 40, § 39L.

5. Annual Reporting

The Registrant shall file an annual statement of withdrawal, as required by 310 CMR 36.11, for each year that this registration is in force, on forms provided and by the deadline specified by the Department. At the request of the Department, the Registrant may be required to report withdrawal volumes monthly or daily in accordance with 310 CMR 36.07.

6. Effect On Any Pending And Future Actions

The withdrawal registration program is intended to provide a procedure and deadline for persons making existing withdrawals above the threshold quantity to file a registration statement with the Department for their existing withdrawals to enable the Department to document baseline water use to manage the surface and groundwater of the Commonwealth. Except as expressly provided herein, this Registration Statement shall not be construed or operate as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting any legal or equitable right of the Department with respect to any pending administrative or judicial action, or any such future action, including without limitation any pending enforcement action or permit appeal, or any legal or equitable right of the Department to pursue any claim, action, suit, cause of action, or demand that the Department may have with respect to any matter covered by this Registration Statement.

7. Registration Renewal

This Registration Statement is effective from April 8, 2023, through the expiration date of April 7, 2033. Failure to file a registration renewal request in accordance with 310 CMR 36.10 shall result in the loss of the Registrant's right to withdraw the water volumes authorized by this Registration Statement until a permit for such withdrawal has been obtained from the Department.

8. Registration Transfer

The transfer of Registration Statements is governed by 310 CMR 36.09. Except as provided in 310 CMR 36.09(2), this Registration Statement may be transferred, in whole or in part, by the Registrant to another person if (1) the Department is notified of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date, (2) the notice includes a written agreement between the parties to the transfer and a certification by the transferee, as specified by and in accordance with 310 CMR 36.09, (3) the notice provides the date that the proposed transfer is to take place, and (4) the notice describes the registration to be transferred. A transfer request must be accompanied by the applicable fee established in 310 CMR 4.00. This Registration Statement shall be surrendered to the Department upon transfer.

APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing on this Registration Statement by timely filing a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal ("Notice of Claim") in accordance with 310 CMR 36.37 and 310 CMR 1.00 within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of this Registration Statement. The Notice of Claim shall state specifically, clearly and concisely the facts that are grounds for the appeal, the relief sought, and any additional information required by applicable law or regulation. A copy of this Registration Statement shall be included with a Notice of Claim. No request for an appeal of this Registration Statement shall be validly filed unless a copy of the request is sent at the same time by certified mail, or delivered by hand, to the local water resources management official in the community in which the withdrawal point is located; and for any person appealing this decision, who is not the Registrant, unless

such person notifies the Registrant of the appeal in writing by certified mail or by hand within five (5) days of mailing the appeal to the Department.

The Notice of Claim and supporting documentation must be sent to:

Case Administrator
Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution
Department of Environmental Protection
100 Cambridge Street, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02114

In addition, the Department's fee transmittal form, together with a valid check made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$100 for the appeal filing fee, if required, must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lock Box
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

The Notice of Claim may be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city, town (or municipal agency), county, district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority. The Department may waive the adjudicatory filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, along with the hearing request, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.



Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Resources

April 6, 2023

Date

