TAKE NOTICE that due to a serious water shortage (or a threat thereof) in the Tamar region of the Roadford Water Resource Zone caused by an exceptional shortage of rain, South West Water Limited (SWW) of Peninsula House, Rydon Ln, Exeter EX2 7HR is applying to the Environment Agency for a drought permit under section 79A of the Water Resources Act 1991.

The proposed drought permit will involve a variation to the Abstraction Licence number 15/47/008/S/002 dated 31 July 1967 and the Bude – Stratton Water Order 1948 (together the Licence); and additional abstractions from Lower Tamar Lake, in each case until 31 January 2023.

Under the terms of the Licence, SWW is allowed to abstract a maximum quantity of 9 megalitres per day from Upper Tamar Lake, subject to providing a compensatory release of 0.032 cubic metres per second (an equivalent of 2.76 megalitres per day) from the Upper Tamar Lake into the compensation point, which flows into the Lower Tamar Lake.

SWW now wishes to apply to:

1. Cease compensatory flow of 0.032 cubic metres per second (an equivalent of 2.76 megalitres per day) from the Upper Tamar Lake into the compensation point and onwards into the Lower Tamar Lake
2. Undertake pumped abstraction of 2.76 megalitres per day from Lower Tamar Lake and release into the compensation point below Upper Tamar Lake for recirculation flowing through the watercourse between Upper and Lower Tamar Lakes.
3. Undertake pumped or gravity abstraction of 2.76 megalitres per day from Lower Tamar Lake into the River Tamar.
4. Undertake pumped abstraction of up to 4.5 megalitres per day from Lower Tamar Lake, if required directly into the Tamar Water Treatment Works.

The proposed Drought Permit, if granted, will allow SWW to continue to abstract water from the Upper Tamar Lake whilst maintaining a larger reserve in the Upper Tamar Lake, and use the water in the Lower Tamar Lake for supply and compensation whilst levels in the Upper Tamar Lake recover. This additional supply of water from the Lower Tamar Lake, and the cessation of the compensatory flow, is necessary to secure the supplies of water for the public and commercial users due to the level of the water in the Upper Tamar Lake depleting faster than the catchment recovers.

SWW will show that the threat of a deficiency of water supply relates to an "exceptional shortage of rainfall" within its drought permit application.

Anyone may inspect the proposals, free of charge, at:

- South West Water Head Office, Peninsula House, Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7HR (9am – 5pm Mon-Fri).
- Sir John Moore House, Omaha Road, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL31 1EB (9am – 5pm Mon-Fri).
• Bude Post Office, Belle Vue, Bude, EX23 8LU (9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-12.30pm Sat).

Application documents will be hosted at https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/advice-and-services/save-water/hosepipeban/

Objections may be made in writing to the Environment Agency at:

Water Resources Permitting Support Centre
Environment Agency
Quadrant 2
99 Parkway Avenue
Parkway Business Park
Sheffield S9 4WF
Email address: PSC-WaterResources@environment-agency.gov.uk

Objectors should state the grounds of the objection and provide an address or email address to which correspondence relating to the objection may be sent.

The Environment Agency will pass to SWW a copy of any objection it receives.

Objections should be made immediately and in any event by 23:59 on Tuesday 13 September 2022.

Simon Pugsley, Company Secretary
For and on behalf of South West Water Limited
6 September 2022