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Dear Residents and Water Customers of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority:

The Mont Alto Municipal Authority would like to update all residents and customers of the continued water conservation requested by the Authority.

The severity of the water shortage continues for our area with little to no rain in sight and our forecasted winter weather is very mild with no significant snowpack. The need for immediate action to address the shortage, such as investing in a new water source is in the making.

The Mont Alto Municipal Authority has three (3) water sources. Well (1) located on Ash Street is completely owned by the Authority. Well (3) and our Spring (Pearl of the Park) are located on state land and require permits through the Department of Environmental Protection. Well (3) and Pearl of the Park are permitted based on-stream flow. Currently we are not permitted to use Pearl of the Park due to the low stream flow from West Branch Antietam Creek. The Authority applied for an emergency permit for Well (3) which was approved by DEP. <u>SEE STREAM FLOW CHART BELOW</u>

Required Stream Flow 371,646.72 Gallons Per Day				
Average Stream Flow in Gallons Per Day				
June	July	August	September	October
1,804,167	1,759,452	449,452	249,800	207,968

## What's next:

As previously stated, the Authority has a huge undertaking in the next months as we work with the Department of Environmental Protection to search for a new water source. A kickoff meeting was held, and everyone was fully onboard for the new water source. We are in the preliminary stages of our search and with the help of DEP, our engineers and our hydrologists we are confident that our search will be successful.

Residents can play a crucial role in helping our community as we continue to request your efforts to conserve water. The shortage of water has far-reaching consequences for humans and our environment. I urge all residents and water customers to take this water shortage seriously by adopting water practices for your home by repairing leaking water faucets, syphering toilets, checking water heaters and outside spigots.

The Mont Alto Municipal Authority thanks you for your continued efforts in conserving water as we work through the next months. Going forward the Authority will keep you informed of any updates to our project.

As always, should you have questions or concerns, please contact the Mont Alto Borough Office or attend our monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30pm.

Thank you,

**Curtis Finney** 

Curtis Finney Chairman & On behalf of the Board Members of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority