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Dear Commissioners, Council and Board Members, Mayors, Water Purveyors, Administrators, City Planners, Regulators, Landscape Designers, Irrigation System Installers and valued Decision Makers for local jurisdictions and municipalities,

The Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) is writing this letter in support of the Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative's (IWAC) efficient irrigation and landscape design standards (Guidelines). These Guidelines will help sustain regional growth, provide confidence to withstand drought conditions and protect the quality of our sole source aquifer.

The Guidelines are presented as a menu of voluntary options which can help you and your constituents implement best practices to conserve water. During summer months, demand for outdoor water use can be three to four times higher than the amount used for domestic needs during the winter. This "peak" demand results in significant infrastructure costs that are not needed most of the year.

Water quality can also be protected by proper installation and maintenance of irrigation systems to reduce runoff, keep pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides and automotive fluids out of storm drains, drywells, the aquifer and river.

SAJB members encourage elected and appointed decision makers to tailor the IWAC efficient irrigation and landscape guidelines to your community's unique interests and needs.

It takes all of us to protect and conserve our precious water resources.

Sincerely,