

A RESOLUTION to end the water supply emergency declared by Resolution No. 2024-07 and to allow the special permits issued pursuant to that declaration to expire by their own terms.

WHEREAS, following a duly noticed public hearing on November 19, 2024, by Resolution No. 2024-07 on December 5, 2024 (the “Resolution”), the Commission declared a “water supply emergency” under Section 10.4 of the Compact for the entire Delaware River Basin; and

WHEREAS, by Special Permit No. 2024-01, comprising paragraph 3 and sub-paragraphs 3.a. through 3.g. of the Resolution, the Commission provided for a coordinated response to conserve water in regional reservoirs and protect water users; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2024-08 on the same date, the Commission issued a second “special permit and Conservation Order,” to remain in effect until the termination of Special Permit No. 2024-01, providing for Lake Wallenpaupack and Mongaup reservoir system operations to preserve and protect water supplies in the basin; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2025-01 on March 12, 2025 (the “March Resolution”), the Commission extended Special Permit No. 2024-01, renaming it “Special Permit No. 2024-01 E1” (also herein, the “Extended Special Permit”) to continue operation of regional reservoirs and diversions in a manner that conserves water storage as dry conditions persist; and

WHEREAS, by its terms the Extended Special Permit will terminate at the conclusion of the Commission’s business meeting on June 11, 2025, unless the Commission acts beforehand to extend it; and

WHEREAS, also in accordance with the March Resolution, the water supply emergency declaration of December 5, 2024, remains in effect until the Commission by resolution determines that the emergency has ended or the Executive Director after consultation with the Commissioners so determines; and

WHEREAS, as of June 11, 2025, the extremely dry conditions that prevailed through the summer and fall of 2024 have eased, particularly in the upper basin, such that indicators key to determining drought status for purposes of water supply, reservoir operations and the attainment of main stem flow management objectives have substantially improved. In particular:

- combined storage in the City of New York’s (the “City’s”) three Delaware Basin reservoirs, which determines basinwide drought operating stages for major out-of-basin diversions, main stem flow objectives, and reservoir releases in accordance with the Extended Special Permit and the Delaware River Basin Water Code (“Water Code”), is 80.4 billion gallons above the drought watch line and at or above the long-term median storage level for this time of year;
- The Blue Marsh and Beltzville Reservoirs, in which DRBC controls storage used to repel the upstream migration of salinity in the tidal Delaware River Estuary, are also full;
- the City’s Delaware Basin reservoirs refilled by the target date of June 1, 2025;

- the average daily main stem flow at Trenton has met the objective of 3,000 cubic feet per second since November 18, 2024, without the need for directed releases from storage; and
- the salt front, located at RM 64 (5 miles below the median location for June), is below the long-term monthly median location for the second consecutive month; and

WHEREAS, although conditions in the upper basin, and thus key criteria for DRBC drought operations, have returned to normal, some counties in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania within the basin remain in state-declared drought watch or warning status, due to the extended precipitation deficits experienced in 2024; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission:

1. **DRBC Water Supply Emergency Ended.** The water supply emergency declared by Resolution No. 2024-07 and extended by Resolution No. 2025-01 is hereby ended.

2. **DRBC Extended Special Permit Terminated.** By its terms, Special Permit No. 2024-01 E-1, providing for coordinated actions to manage out-of-basin diversions, main stem objectives, and regional reservoir operations, terminates at the conclusion of today's meeting without the need for further Commission or Decree Party action.

3. **Second DRBC "Special Permit and Conservation Order" Terminated.** The special permit issued by Resolution No. 2024-08, providing for Lake Wallenpaupack and the Mongaup Reservoir operations designed to preserve and protect water supplies, is likewise hereby terminated.

4. **Consumptive Use Management.** The Commission's policy for the replacement of water consumptively used by electric generating or cogenerating facilities during critical hydrologic conditions is set forth in [Resolution No. 2018-5](#). In accordance with Section VI of the policy, affected DRBC docket holders are notified when a critical hydrologic condition appears imminent. Such a condition does not currently appear imminent.

5. **State Drought Declarations Remain in Effect in Some Counties.** The basin states are responsible for the declaration of county or statewide drought stages in their respective jurisdictions and for the implementation and enforcement of associated water use restrictions in these areas. The Commission recognizes that based on important indicators that are not key to the reservoir and flow management concerns that drive DRBC drought operations, drought watch and warning declarations remain in effect in some counties in the states of Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania within the basin.

6. **Interference and Impairment Directives Continue in Effect.** Any individual or entity that was directed to perform an action or action(s) pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Resolution shall remain obligated to complete such action(s) within the time frame specified by the Executive Director and/or Commission, regardless of the Commission's decision to end the water supply emergency.

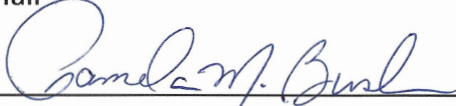
7. **Maximum Water Use Efficiency Encouraged.** The Commission continues to encourage all residents, businesses and users of waters of the basin to maximize water efficiency to preserve and protect the basin's water supplies as provided for in section 2.1.4 of the Water Code.

8. **Allowable Water Uses.** Persons, firms, corporations, and public or private entities heretofore entitled to divert or withdraw water may continue to do so within such limits as are imposed by law.

9. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Karen Stainbrook

Chair


Commission Secretary

Adopted: June 11, 2025