

**STATUTORY NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DROUGHT PERMIT  
SOUTH WEST WATER LIMITED  
SECTION 79A OF THE WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991**

TAKE NOTICE that due to a serious water shortage (or a threat thereof) in the Roadford Water Resource Zone ("**WRZ**") 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 at River Lyd ("**the Drought Permit**") under section 79A of the Water Resources Act 1991.

SWW is licensed to abstract water from River Lyd at National Grid Reference SX 39921 85071 for supply to customers under abstraction licence number SW/047/0051/003 dated 07 February 2023.

Under the Lyd Licence, SWW is allowed to abstract a maximum quantity of water from River Lyd of up to 40,000 cubic metres per day, subject to a maximum annual abstraction volume of 6,000,000 cubic metres and a prescribed minimum flow upstream of the authorised abstraction point of 1,343 litres per second between 1 November and 15 January and 537 litres a second between 16 January and 31 March.

The Drought Permit application will involve a temporary variation to the Lyd Licence until 30 May 2023 to extend the pumped abstraction, up to the daily maximum abstraction volume collectively.

The Drought Permit, if granted, will allow SWW to abstract water from the River Lyd for public water supply and for the purposes of refilling Roadford Reservoir. SWW is applying for this Drought Permit to reduce the risk of further drought permits or orders being required in Spring/Summer 2023, and to assist the recovery of water supply resources in Roadford WRZ which have been excessively depleted as a result of drought. This Drought Permit will assist with the maintenance of water supply across Roadford WRZ, thereby reducing risk to supply in 2023.

SWW will show that the deficiency of water supply or a threat thereof relates to an "exceptional shortage of rainfall" within the 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, Victoria Square, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL31 1EB (9.30am – 4.30pm Mon-Fri).
- Lifton Post Office, Fore Street, Lifton, Devon, PL16 0AA (9am – 5.30pm Mon-Fri and 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](mailto: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 27 March 2023

David Harris, Group Director Drought and Resilience  
For and on behalf of South West Water Limited  
20 March 2023