

18. **CITY MANAGER**

a. Informational Items

- i. Discussion regarding additional education of watering restrictions

MEMORANDUM

June 25, 2009

TO: City Manager Judie Zimomra
FROM: Police Chief William Tomlinson
RE: Watering Restrictions

This memorandum is in response to a citizen complaint regarding the enforcement of watering violations.

The City of Sanibel adopted watering guidelines through City Ordinance that mirror the South Florida Water Management Districts' regulations.

Since the water restrictions had been implemented, the Police Department has responded to complaints of watering violations and engaged property owners from an awareness and education perspective.

With persistent drought conditions affecting the region throughout the year, staff is recommending a more proactive plan for enforcing the watering restrictions by enabling more employees to be empowered to enforce code violations.

The Police Department can increase the code enforcement capability by cross training traffic aids to perform proactive watering enforcement patrols when they are not performing traffic control functions.

This would be done by identifying these enhanced duties and responsibilities within the Police Aid job description and increase the training and certification of the police aids without adjusting wages.