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## PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

### *Freeze/Thaw Pattern Keeps Water Flowing - York Water District*

The year 2016 proved to be the driest year we have seen in over a decade. This would not come as a surprise to you, however, if you saw the water level in Chase's Pond at its lowest point this October. We were lucky to have a quick 61" recovery and continue to have wet weather through the first part of 2017. Chase's pond has not stopped running over the dam since it started in December. Currently, we are considered "Very Wet" for this time of year, a welcome change! January brought almost 4 inches of rain and snow combined. So far this winter we have seen measurable snowfall a handful of times, but it was almost always followed by warm melting weather. This is a major contributing factor to the above average pond level. If the cold winter weather shows up and sticks around, we will not see much rise in pond level until the snow melts this spring. There is moderate water flow in the watershed as well. This water along with additional rain and snow will hopefully keep Chase's Pond full through the winter.

The District would like to remind you that our Chase's Pond aeration system is in operation and will create unsafe thin ice conditions, even in extreme cold. Contact with the water, including ice, is not permitted at any time. While the District hopes to see above normal rainfall through February, we must continue to be smart in managing our resource so we ask for your help in continuing to use water wisely.

The District would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during the unusual conditions this past year. Please feel free to contact us with questions, and see [www.yorkwaterdistrict.org](http://www.yorkwaterdistrict.org) for periodic updates and water saving tips.

