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Drought Forum Monday Morning in Stamford with Jayme Stevenson, Other Area Government Leaders

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Landscapers and others who use water outdoors will be particularly interested in an upcoming drought forum with local government leaders, including First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, and officials from the state Department of Public Health and Aquarion, starting 9 a.m. Monday, March 6 in Stamford.

Here's the announcement:

Mayor David Martin, and First Selectmen Peter Tesei, Jayme Stevenson and Robert Mallozzi will be hosting a drought forum with Aquarion and Department of Public Health water officials on Monday, March 6, 2017. The meeting will be held at UConn Stamford beginning at 9 a.m.

Mayor Martin and First Selectmen Tesei, Stevenson and Mallozzi have been meeting with Aquarion and state water officials frequently since the water emergency was declared in August 2016. Priorities for each town will be discussed at the forum. Mayor Martin has invited irrigation companies to attend the meeting on Monday as one of Stamford's priorities.

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Last month the Board of Representatives passed an ordinance requiring irrigation companies to put a rain/moisture sensor on all newly installed irrigation systems. And all existing systems must have a rain/moisture sensor installed when the system is repaired.

The new ordinance also requires that simple instructions for shutting off an irrigation system are displayed when a new irrigation system is installed and the homeowner is made aware of where the instructions are.

Aquarion is encouraging all companies who use water in their daily work such as landscapers and power washers to attend the event and voice their concerns.