

**RESOLUTION**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE**  
**BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD**

TITLE:           Calling for the Adoption of a Water Management Plan for the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir

RESOLUTION #11- 106

WHEREAS, the residents of the Borough of Westwood have suffered significant damage and loss of property due a history of heartbreaking, costly and dangerous floods; and

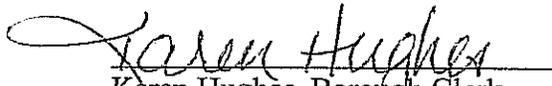
WHEREAS, engineering reports provide that many, if not all, of these flood events could have been mitigated or avoided by the advance lowering of the water surface elevations in the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir from 91 feet to a level of 88 feet as previously set forth in the letter dated April 28, 1997 from United Water to the Borough of Westwood, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Westwood believes that an appropriate balance of the Public Interest militates in favor of memorializing such policy to adequately protect the health, safety, and property of the residents in flood prone neighborhoods and with deference to the need for the provision of sufficient water supply in the summer months as standard operating procedure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Westwood hereby demands that United Water adopt a water management plan including but not limited to provisions mandating the reduction of the water surface elevation level in the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir to buffer the effects of significant precipitation events during the period from September through April and a level as low as possible in the months of May through September; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to United Water, all Pascack Waterway Management Task Force members, the NJDEP, Assemblywoman Charlotte VanderValk, Assemblyman Robert Schroeder, Senator Gerald Cardinale, Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan, Bergen County Administrator Ed Trawinski, Bergen County Freeholder Chair John Driscoll, Jr.

Certified to be a true copy of a  
Resolution adopted at the meeting  
of the Mayor and Council on  
May 3, 2011

  
Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk

NAME	MOVED	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Grefrath					X	
Phayre			X			
Quinn			X			
Sciara			X			
Wareck	X		X			
Miller		X	X			

United Water



April 28, 1997

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The Honorable Bernard Kelly  
Mayor, Borough of Westwood  
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Dear ~~Mayor~~:

While the task force members are working on improvements in the Pascack Brook channel, United Water New Jersey will hold the level of its Woodcliff Lake Reservoir at 91 feet until Friday, May 23, 1997—the traditional start of the Memorial Day Weekend. We will make every reasonable effort to lower the reservoir to approximately 88 feet in advance of what we judge to be unusually heavy rainfall predictions.

In anticipation of higher customer demand that traditionally starts on Memorial Day Weekend, United Water will raise the bascule gates at the Woodcliff Lake Dam to 95 feet on May 23, 1997.

The delay period from May 1 to May 23 is out of the ordinary for the safe operation of our water supply. Typically, that time period is used to fill the reservoir in anticipation of higher summer water usage. Please keep in mind this operation is for this time period only, and should not be viewed as a change from our agreement reached in 1987.

We continue to be cooperative in this attempt to alleviate the problems experienced by the residents of Westwood and Hillsdale, with the full expectation that the other efforts of all parties will continue toward an overall solution including channelization, bridge and culvert reconstruction and continued maintenance of the Pascack Brook.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Rich Henning  
Manager—External Affairs

cc: Josephine Higgins, Mayor—Borough of Woodcliff Lake  
Pascack Valley Flood Management Coalition Members