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## Board Adopts Cascade's Lake Tapps Reservoir Property Management Policy

**Bellevue WA** – The Cascade Board of Directors formally adopted the Lake Tapps Reservoir Property Management Policy at the February 22 Board meeting. The policy addresses use of its property by third parties around the Reservoir.

The policy states that any new improvements or modifications on Cascade property will require a license from Cascade, as well as the appropriate permits from state and local jurisdictions as required.

Existing structures or facilities on Cascade property may be “grandfathered” if Cascade determines that they do not pose an adverse impact on the operations of the Reservoir, or pose a danger to public health or safety.

“Our goal is to keep the property free of obstructions and unauthorized structures to ensure dike integrity, water quality, public safety and use are not compromised,” said John Marchione, Chair of the Cascade Board of Directors.

Over 100 Lake Tapps area residents attended a January 12<sup>th</sup> Open House and Workshop to learn more about the proposed policy. Cascade received no formal objections to the policy during the time it was under consideration.

Since December of 2009 Cascade has owned and operated the White River Lake Tapps Reservoir Project (Project) and lake, up to its property boundary line delineated by the 545 foot elevation and including the dikes.

As the Project's owner, Cascade's primary function is to ensure the safety and viability of the Lake Tapps Reservoir for long-term municipal water supply purposes, while managing authorized public access to the lake. For the past two years, Cascade has been working in, on and around the Project to determine function and system improvements necessary for long-term maintenance.

During this period, Cascade has also been engaged in a real estate/asset management assessment of the Lake Tapps Reservoir. Several issues have come to light that must be addressed in order to ensure long-term dike integrity, safe recreational use, water quality, general legal and financial risk management, and preservation of Cascade's property. To address these issues, Cascade developed the Lake Tapps Reservoir Property Management Policy containing requirements that affect existing and new homeowner improvements on Cascade's property in and around the lake.

For more information and to read the full text of the adopted Lake Tapps Reservoir Property Management Policy, visit [www.cascadewater.org](http://www.cascadewater.org).

**Who to call:**

When considering construction and/or improvement projects on Cascade's Lake Tapps property, residents should contact:

**Cascade Water Alliance** | 1 877 299 0930

[contact@cascadewater.org](mailto:contact@cascadewater.org)

[www.cascadewater.org](http://www.cascadewater.org)

**City of Bonney Lake** | 253 447 4344

[hinesl@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us](mailto:hinesl@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us)

**Pierce County Planning and Land Services** | 253 796 710

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**Washington State Fish and Wildlife** | 360 902 2200

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