

IMPORTANT INFORMATION About the Future of Lake Tapps!

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Lake Tapps: From Hydroelectric Project to Regional Water Supply

1911 – Lake Tapps is formed as a reservoir by Puget Sound Power & Electric for generation of hydroelectric power from the White River.

1983 – Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC) determines the White River Project requires a license.

1997 – FERC license issued and appealed.

1999 – Lake Tapps Task Force created to reach a lasting solution that preserves the lake, taking into account the interests of all members.

2000 – PSE submits new water rights applications.

2001 – Cascade and Puget Sound Energy (PSE) enter into Memorandum of Understanding to jointly pursue new water rights.

2003 – New water rights issued and appealed.

2004 – Puget Sound Energy ceases power production at White River.

New water rights remanded to Department of Ecology for further review.

2005 – Cascade and PSE agree on the basic outline of the sale of Lake Tapps and transfer of the water rights.

Cascade and Pierce County enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for long-term management of Lake Tapps.

2008 – Cascade and PSE execute agreement for sale and purchase of Lake Tapps, completes settlement agreements with Tribes (anticipated), and the new water rights issued (anticipated).

Mid-2020's – Cascade begins first phase of Lake Tapps regional water supply project, building approximately 30-35 million gallons / day (MGD) treatment capacity and transmission pipeline (anticipated).

Mid-2030's – Cascade begins second phase of Lake Tapps regional water supply project, building approximately 30-35 MGD treatment capacity (anticipated).

2050 - 2070 – Full capacity of Lake Tapps regional water supply project, projected at 65 MGD being utilized (anticipated).



Lake Tapps Future Protected



Lloyd Warren, Chair

Dear Neighbor,

Let me introduce you to the Cascade Water Alliance. You may have heard that Puget Sound Energy and Cascade Water Alliance have approved the purchase

/ sale agreement for the lake. We want to assure you as neighbors and friends of Lake Tapps that you will see no change because of this transaction. For the first time in over a decade you have a promise that Lake Tapps isn't going away. The future of Lake Tapps is now certain.

Cascade's acquisition of Lake Tapps marks an historic milestone.

With this transaction, the future of the lake is assured for homeowners and the public and, with the issuance of the municipal water rights anticipated later this year, the region has secured a much needed new drinking water supply source. Our region's growing population and economy mean future drinking water demands cannot be met without the addition of a new regional water supply.

Managing Lake Tapps for people, the environment and water supply.

Cascade will not begin using Lake Tapps as a water supply until the mid-2020's. Monthly lake levels, water flows in the White River and decision making in drought years will be set through agreements and discussions with the

community. We can and will manage Lake Tapps in a manner that ensures improved habitat for fisheries in the White River and provides recreational lake levels for the public. In drought years we will work together to find solutions.

In the months and years ahead we look forward to meeting and working with you. We welcome your

input and look forward to being a part of this great community. We are committed to making the next 100 years of Lake Tapps even better than its first 100 years.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Warren, Chair





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Cascade Water Alliance

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MISSION

Cascade's Mission is to provide water supply to meet current and future needs of our Members in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner. To accomplish this mission, Cascade will:

-  Purchase wholesale water from other regional suppliers
-  Coordinate conservation and supply management
-  Acquire, construct and manage water supply infrastructure
-  Foster regional water planning that provides adequate water for both people and fish

The Cascade Water Alliance formed as a nonprofit corporation in April 1999. Membership is open to any municipal water utility within the Puget Sound Region.

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Lake Tapps Purchase Q & A

Q: What does the sale mean for the Lake and those who live nearby?

A: The transfer of ownership and management will result in no changes for neighbors and the public who enjoy the lake's many recreational and natural amenities. The sale of Lake Tapps by Puget Sound Energy to Cascade protects the lake's future permanently for people, fish and the environment.

Q: Will the lake levels change from what they have been in the past?

A: Lake levels will remain the same as in previous years. In most years, this means it will be full well before Memorial Day, and drawn down sometime after Labor Day. A Lake Tapps management team will remain actively involved in timing of lake levels as in the past. In years when the region experiences drought or other unforeseen conditions, Cascade, the community and Tribes will work together to manage the lake to meet the needs of people, the environment and water supply. For the next three to five years, Puget Sound Energy will operate the system under contract to Cascade.

Q: What did Cascade purchase?

A: The agreement is for the purchase of Lake Tapps and all related assets and facilities including over 150 parcels of land, the barrier dam near Buckley, the Headworks and canal feeding Lake Tapps, fish screens, settling basins, dikes, withdrawal structures, penstocks and power house, the hydropower water right and municipal water rights applications, and other existing contracts and agreements associated with Lake Tapps. As part of the purchase agreement, Cascade will also accept assignment of the 2004 Homeowners Agreement.

Q: When will Cascade begin using Lake Tapps water?

A: Water from Lake Tapps will begin supplying Cascade members starting in the mid-2020's. Over the next several decades Cascade will build the infrastructure needed to develop Lake Tapps as a municipal water supply, including a state-of-the-art treatment facility and transmission pipeline.

Q: Who can use water from Lake Tapps for their water supply?

A: Cascade is a regional public utility that is able to deliver drinking water supply to homes and businesses in Pierce and King Counties. Membership is open to any public utility, including utilities and cities in Pierce County. Cascade's governance and rate structure ensure equity among members regardless of size or geographic location. All Cascade members contribute to the costs of purchasing water, developing assets and operating the system.

Cascade Water Alliance

Cascade Water Alliance is comprised of eight municipalities and water districts in King County that joined together in 1999 to provide water supply for current and future demands. Collectively, the membership of Cascade serves over 300,000 residents and 22,000 businesses.

The Interlocal Agreement that established Cascade gives it the responsibility to:

- Purchase wholesale water from other regional suppliers
- Coordinate conservation and supply management
- Acquire and construct water supply infrastructure
- Foster regional water planning that provides adequate water for both people and fish

Under the Interlocal Contract, Cascade provides a full water supply commitment to each of its members.

CASCADE IS COMING TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

Over the coming months, Cascade Water Alliance would like to come visit your community, service or business organization to tell you more about Cascade Water Alliance and our plans to manage Lake Tapps for recreation, the environment and as a long term drinking water supply, and to listen to your questions, concerns and suggestions. We'd like to share our thoughts about how we can be a good neighbor, and hear your ideas, too. As the lake's new owner, it's important to us to be visible and accessible to the community.

We've already begun reaching out to many groups to set up times for these presentations. If your group would like a visit and you haven't heard from us yet, please call the Cascade office, 425-453-0930, to schedule a meeting date.

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Being A Good Neighbor through Careful Lake Management


As in the past, a Lake Tapps management team, made up of representatives of the surrounding communities and other Lake Tapps stakeholders, will work together to make important decisions around water quality and lake levels. In 2004 the Lake Tapps community and Puget Sound Energy signed an agreement outlining the community's expectations of how Lake Tapps would be managed in the future. In a 2006 Resolution, Cascade's Board of Directors accepted the terms of this agreement. As future owners, Cascade is beginning the coordination necessary to carry this commitment forward.

Use of Lake Tapps for recreation and water supply plus restoration of the White River fishery requires a balanced, cooperative approach. A key to ensuring that water quality remains high is on-going water quality testing and monitoring. Cascade, Pierce County, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and Washington State Department of Ecology are, and will continue to, cooperatively monitor the water quality of Lake Tapps and the White River.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also plays an important role in the management of the White River. The barrier dam on the White River near Buckley is essential to providing water flow into Lake Tapps and in providing fish passage around the Corps' Mud Mountain Dam. The Corps has committed to continued operation and replacement of the dam. Cascade is cooperating in the operational decisions regarding the current dam and reviewing the design of the replacement dam to ensure successful future operations.




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