



## Ensuring Water for Today and Tomorrow

Message from the Chair

Summer is always the time water providers worry about – will we have enough water? This year was mild and cool during the recent summer months despite a hot day here and there. More importantly, residents, homeowners and businesses from Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Issaquah and Tukwila and in the Sammamish Plateau, Covington and Skyway districts have used conservation measures, including new more efficient faucets, showerheads, dishwashers, washing machines, toilets and irrigation systems. The result – overall just about every water provider in the region is experiencing less usage than in previous years.



Lloyd Warren, Chair,  
Cascade Water Alliance

Why is this important? Cascade is in the middle of its 2010 Transmission and Supply Planning process. We determine how much water we'll need and where we will get it. Right now most of our water is purchased from the City of Seattle. We are working with the City to continue this relationship. We also have a contract to purchase water from the City of Tacoma and are in conversations with them about the future as well. We have purchased Lake Tapps – and, if our planning and partnership work are successful – we may not need it as a municipal water resource for many decades to come.

The combination of lowered demand projections and new water supplies has put our region in a good water supply position for the foreseeable future. The key now is to determine the best way to use these supplies to meet demands, minimize costs to customers and maximize beneficial uses for people and the environment. Our 2010 Transmission and Supply Plan is the vehicle to determine this path for Cascade.

### **Water Right issued**

The State Department of Ecology has issued its draft [report of examination](#) (ROE) which is required

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for any entity who wants to appropriate the waters of the State. We are thrilled that the hard work and partnerships with the Lake Tapps community, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and with the four cities surrounding the lake (Auburn, Bonney Lake, Buckley and Sumner) has reached a successful conclusion. The water right will allow us to use water for fish, for people throughout the region and to leave water in the lake for everyone to enjoy. Special thanks in this collective effort go out for the leadership of officials like Pierce County Councilmember Shawn Bunney, state legislators Senator Pam Roach, Representatives Chris Hurst and Dan Roach, the Lake Tapps Community Council, Tribal leadership and the mayors of the four cities. The water right is the culmination of a 10-year journey to assure the future of Lake Tapps. Cascade is proud to be part of this solution, and to now be an integral part of the Lake Tapps community.

*Lloyd Warren, Chair of the Board*

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