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| New Officers Selected for 2016-17 |
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| New Officers Selected for 2016-17Cascade announced its new officers for 2016-17 after its annual meeting on Feb. 3. Issaquah Mayor Fred Butler will serve as chair, Bellevue Mayor John Stokes as vice chair and Kirkland Councilmember Penny Sweet serving as secretary-treasurer. She will also chair the Finance and Management Committee. Outgoing Board Chair John Marchione, Redmond mayor, will lead Cascade’s Public Affairs Committee. Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District Commission President Lloyd Warren will continue to chair Cascade’s Resource Management Committee. Cascade’s other board members include Jon Ault, president of the Skyway Water and Sewer District Commission and Cascade’s longest serving member; and Cascade’s newest member Tukwila Mayor Allan Ekberg. New alternates are Mary Lou Pauly of Issaquah, Angela Birney of Redmond and Joe Duffie of Tukwila. |  |

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| Cascade Gardener Classes Begin Soon!Cascade Gardner Classes LogoCascade Gardner ClassesCascade had a very successful series of about 30 classes in 2015 with more than 700 attendees. For 2016, 30 Cascade Gardener classes are scheduled throughout the Eastside. The kick-off will be at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show Feb. 17-21, 2016. Classes focus on wise water use in landscaping and sustainable practices. They run from Feb. 20 through April 9. The class catalog is available on Cascade’s website at [http://cascadewater.org/classes](http://cascadewateralliance.cmail20.com/t/r-i-vklyuht-l-o/). Classes are free but registration is required. [Click here to register](http://cascadewateralliance.cmail20.com/t/r-i-vklyuht-l-b/) for classes. Look for Cascade at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle Feb. 17 through the 21th. Last year over 2,300 visitors stopped by the Cascade booth to pick up items and information to help save water. |

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| Lake Tapps Update**White River Lake Tapps Improvement Projects:** After more than 18 months of planning, design, construction, improvements and repairs in 2014-15, and a challenging fill of the reservoir during record drought last summer, the entire White River Lake Tapps system is operating at optimum performance as anticipated. Although some valve work will be required later this year, the projects were completed on time.The reservoir remained at about 539 feet elevation throughout the fall and early winter. This slight drawdown from recreation levels of 541.5 to 543 feet is to ensure dike protection and integrity during winter wind, rain and storms. The reservoir will return to recreational levels in early spring. |
| White River Lake Tapps Improvements Project |  |
| SwimSafe Logo**Swimsafe:** A third drowning-free summer was recorded thanks in part to the cooperative, collaborative SwimSafe program of public awareness by Cascade, East Pierce Fire and Rescue, Bonney Lake, and area school districts to combat drownings by educating swimmers about the cold temperatures in the reservoir.**In Memoriam:** On a sad note, Cascade champion Leon Stucki, of the Lake Tapps Community Council, passed suddenly in January. Leon was a key figure in saving Lake Tapps and worked diligently with Cascade negotiating the Lake Tapps agreements as well as being involved in every facet of the recent enhancement projects and refill. His support and work with Cascade made much of Cascade’s progress possible over the last several years and he will be missed. |

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| Watch for it...Cascade’s ‘We Need Water Because………..’ wall will be popping up in the most interesting places over the next few months. To remind the public of the value of water, Cascade created this wall and brought it to local events, fairs and public spaces. It has created some thought provoking responses. Think about it….why do we need water? [www.weneedwaterbecause.org](http://cascadewateralliance.cmail20.com/t/r-i-vklyuht-l-n/) #weneedwaterbecause |
| We Need Water Because Campaign - Summer 2015 |  |

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| Hands On!!!!!!Hands On!!!!!Ever wondered about water supply, salmon cycles, being “toadally” amphibious, or how to create a water cycle terrarium? School aged children throughout the Cascade member service area are finding out all about these and many other topics as part of their enriched school curriculum in programs provided by Cascade and its members. Each year, hundreds of classes are offered to local schools and teachers add them to their regular curriculum. This school year almost 12,000 kids will get hands-on experience in one of the more than 465 fun, creative classroom presentations and actually learn about the world around them and their part in saving water and using it wisely. |

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| Water Efficiency ReportsCascade’s 2015 water efficiency program saves more than 79,000 gallons of water per day and continues to reduce the need for additional water supply in the near term. Cascade staff engaged with approximately 25,000 residents, businesses, and schools though community outreach, education, training, and incentive programs. You can access the [2015 Water Efficiency Program report here.](http://cascadewateralliance.cmail20.com/t/r-i-vklyuht-l-p/) |

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