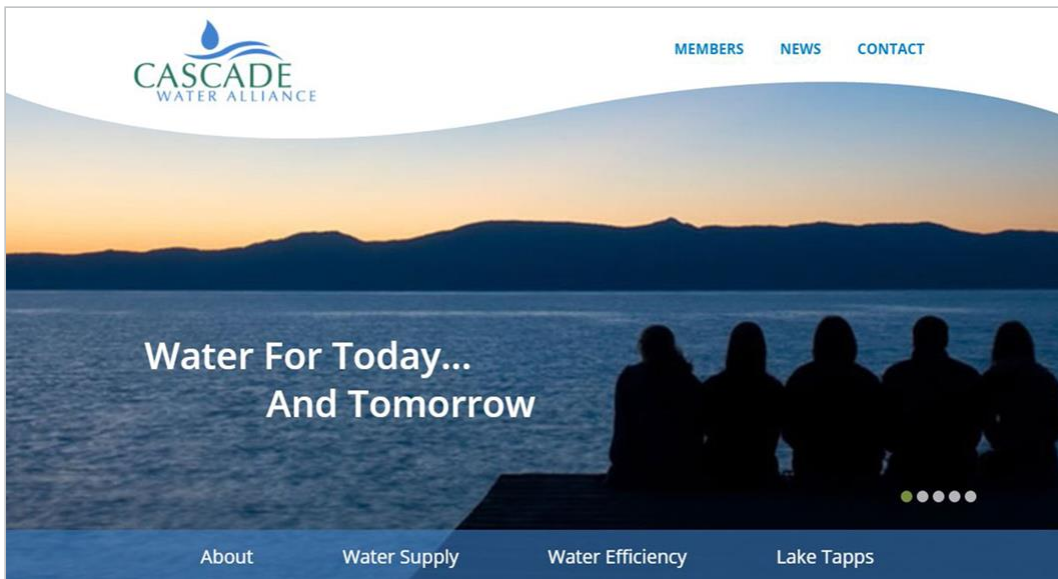




Cascade's Resiliency Project Is Launched

Building off the successful work of the Water Supply Forum in its efforts to be prepared for future challenges like earthquakes and water quality issues, Cascade launched its resiliency program with its members June 9 at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Board members, who are elected officials, got a full briefing on the risks of earthquakes, the potential impacts to utilities, communities and the economy, and what federal, state and municipal services they might or might not be able to offer in response and recovery. Cascade and its members are considering how to implement next steps.

Cascade's New Web Site



Check it out! Cascade has updated its website with a fresh design, clear and bright alerts that appear in the case of an emergency, additional resources and educational materials and easier navigation with the information you need just a few clicks away. Plus, there's new information and even more water saving resources at www.cascadewater.org. This new design will allow Cascade staff to more easily update and improve the site without outside support going forward, as well as let us easily alert our customers in an emergency. Let us know what you think!

New Cascade Video



Save Water and Maintain a Beautiful Lawn This Summer

It's the annual question every homeowner faces each summer: should you let your lawn dry out and go golden, or keep it green? We've got the answers! Click [here](#) to watch how to keep your lawn healthy while saving water. Cascade members are also eligible for a free rain gauge that will help you keep your lawn green and save water. If you have ideas for future videos let us know at contact@cascadwater.org.

Cascade Submits Input on Proposed Reclaimed Water Policy



After reviewing the State Department of Ecology's draft rule language on reclaimed water, Cascade joined with the Washington Water Utilities Council (WWUC) in proposing that water utilities have real input and involvement in decisions to achieve a truly comprehensive regulatory program. They asked that the state involve drinking water utilities, municipal water suppliers and water supply entities in the decision making process; require planning coordination; create a structure to address potential adverse impacts of reclaimed water marketing and use, and bring the reclaimed water product into the established system of coordinated water utility service areas and infrastructure planning.

Lake Tapps Community Open House Draws Large Crowd



More than 100 residents attended Cascade's Thursday, May 16, community open house at North Tapps Middle School. They met with Cascade and other agencies that work around the lake discussing licensing, milfoil, native vegetation, fish, safety in and around the reservoir, water quality, septic tanks, parks, a safe swimming environment, emergency sign locators and other aspects of Lake Tapps life.

Update on Mud Mountain Dam Fish Passage Project



The Mud Mountain Dam Fish Passage Project (MMD FPP) received a "new start" approval and funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 (ending Sept. 30, 2017). Funds are expected in the Seattle District by the end of June which will allow the USACE to finalize real estate offers for Cascade and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and complete other pre-construction activities (final design and bid package). The USACE is developing a revised project delivery schedule.

The USACE initially requested \$22.35 million construction funding in the FY 2017 Budget. No funds were authorized. However, the Budget provided for the USACE to develop a work plan to include up to six new construction starts. The MMD FPP was one of these projects. FY 2017 funding totals \$16.4 million (\$7.35 for pre-construction activities and \$9.05 million for initiating construction). The USACE has indicated that the amount for pre-construction activities is sufficient to complete all outstanding tasks. While no construction will begin in FY 2017, construction general funds carry over into future fiscal years. If there were no construction funds available in FY 2017, the USACE would not be able to issue the bid package or make formal real estate acquisition offers.

The proposed FY 2018 Budget (beginning Oct. 1, 2017) includes \$33.6 million for construction.

Cascade provides safe, clean and reliable water to members in a cost effective and environmentally responsible manner.

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