

NEWS RELEASE

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Stage 2 Water Alert for Clallam Bay/Seki Water System – Voluntary Conservation Encouraged

PUD #1 of Clallam County (PUD) is asking water utility customers in the Clallam Bay/Seki Water System to begin voluntary water conservation measures due to the lack of rain and high temperatures since May. This is a Stage 2 Response from the District's Drought Response Plan.

Water for the Clallam Bay/Seki Water System is supplied from a well field near the Hoko River. Groundwater sources do have a greater resiliency to drought compared to surface water sources; however, streamflow is used as an indicator of upcoming groundwater shortages in this region. Based on Hoko River streamflow data collected by the USGS, the PUD predicts that the Hoko River streamflow will drop to about 14 cfs within 3 weeks. According to the District's Drought Response Plan, this forecast meets the criteria for a Stage 2 Response.

The Clallam Bay/Seki Water System is located in western Clallam County and serves the communities of Clallam Bay and Seki as well as the Middle Point area and the Clallam Bay Corrections Center. There are 351 active customer water accounts served by the Clallam Bay/Seki Water System.

The objective of the Stage 2 plan is to encourage customers to conserve water wherever possible and prepare customers for additional drought response measures later in the season. Some ways water can be conserved by customers include:

- Reduce outdoor water use.
- Fix all leaky faucets and toilets.
- Take shorter showers, not baths.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucets.
- Operate automatic dish and clothes washers only when full.
- Reuse clean household water. Collect all water that is wasted while waiting for the hot water to reach your faucet. Use this water for houseplants or outdoor plants.
- Use water efficient appliances.

For a more comprehensive list of actions to save water or to access more information on water conservation go to www.wateruseitwisely.com.

The Status of Other PUD Water Systems:

A Stage 3 alert, limiting outdoor water use, has been issued for the **Island View Water System**. Other PUD water systems, **Fairview, Gales Addition, Monroe, Mount Angeles, Calrsborg & Evergreen**, do not have any active water drought response plans in effect.