

NEWS RELEASE

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

PUD #1 of Clallam County (PUD) is requesting that water utility customers in the Clallam Bay/Sekiu System begin voluntary water conservation measures due to the expanded drought emergency declaration announced by Washington State Governor Jay Inslee. This is a Stage 2 Response from the District's Drought Response Plan.

Water for the Clallam Bay/Sekiu 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 an indicator of upcoming groundwater shortages in this region. Department of Ecology experts expect warmer, drier weather will result in lower than normal streamflows this summer. The Office of the Governor expanded its previously issued drought emergency declaration to include the Lyre-Hoko Watershed on May 20, 2019. According to the District's Drought Response Plan, this declaration meets the criteria for a Stage 2 Response.

The Clallam Bay/Sekiu Water System is located in western Clallam County and serves the communities of Clallam Bay and Sekiu as well as the Middle Point area and the Clallam Bay Corrections Center. There are 344 active customer water accounts served by the Clallam Bay/Sekiu 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 2, Water Conservation Alert, has also been issued for the **Island View Water System** and the **upper Fairview Water System**. Other PUD water systems, **lower Fairview, Gales Addition, Monroe, Mount Angeles, Carlsborg & Evergreen**, do not have any active water drought response plans in effect at the time of this release.