

Lake Tapps Community Council

(With representatives from: Church Lake Association, Driftwood Point Association, Inlet Island Association, Snag Island Association, Tacoma Point Association, Tapps Island Association, West Tapps Maintenance Association and two representatives at large.)

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Chuck Clarke, CEO
Cascade Water Alliance

Chuck,

The Lake Tapps Community Council has reviewed the Record of Examination with regard to the Lake Tapps Water Rights. We are extremely pleased that CWA has fully honored and incorporated the laboriously negotiated CWA/Community Agreements into the Water Right. We also appreciate the friendly 'New Neighbor' philosophy shown recently in addressing topics of mutual interest such as the milfoil challenges. Chuck, you and your team have been clearly instrumental in achieving this outcome. We appreciate all that you and your staff have done.

We commend you for your "Out of the Box Thinking" and willingness to go beyond the previous norms. This is clearly shown by your ability to stop the lake loss at the powerhouse [a feat accomplished by Joe that was previously thought to be impossible], your vastly improved control over inflows, and your timely refill this spring following historically low winter river flows.

We also wish to extend our congratulations and thanks to the full CWA board and especially Lloyd for his personal efforts and willingness to work toward a mutually satisfactory outcome.

The sign of a good agreement between parties with vastly differing objectives is that no one gets TOTALLY everything they asked for. Despite our pleasure with the ROE we remain concerned that the failure to provide a mechanism for dealing with unforeseen long term low river flows could cause a future Emergency with no meaningful plan or mechanism to deal with it.

With that said, the community looks forward to a warm long term and mutually beneficial relationship as we move forward into the future.

Sincerely,

Lake Tapps Community Council

Dr. Leon Stucki, VP, Lake Tapps Community Council