



Cascade Issues Lake Tapps Environmental Impact Statement

Cascade Water Alliance issued its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lake Tapps Reservoir Water Rights and Supply Project on January 29, 2010, and will be accepting comments through March 15, 2010.

In February 2008, Cascade's Board of Directors approved the purchase of the Lake Tapps Reservoir, including the White River Hydroelectric Project facilities, three municipal water rights applications, a pre-code water right claim, and a change/transfer application from Puget Sound Energy. On December 18, 2009, the purchase and sale was completed and Cascade became owner of the project.

Cascade is requesting approval by the Washington State Department of Ecology to operate the project. The three basic elements of the project operation are:

- Cascade will divert water from the White River into the Lake Tapps Reservoir, store water in, and withdraw water from the reservoir for municipal water supply purposes;
- Cascade will operate the project in a manner to provide enhanced flows in the White River consistent with the 2008 White River Management Agreement with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe; and
- Cascade will store water and maintain the levels of the Lake Tapps Reservoir to support recreation consistent with a 2009 agreement between Cascade Water Alliance and the Lake Tapps community.

The Draft EIS examines proposed actions and a no action alternative.

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Comments on the Draft EIS are invited and should be postmarked or e-mailed on or before March 15, 2010. Written comments should be addressed to: Michael Gagliardo, Director of Planning, Cascade Water Alliance, 11400 SE 8th St., Suite 440, Bellevue, WA 98004, or email us at contact@cascadewater.org.

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