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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Cascade Members Make Big Gains Meeting Conservation Goals**

Water conservation is an important element of Cascade Water Alliance's long term plan to provide its members with a safe, clean reliable water supply for the next 50 years and beyond. In Cascade's first year of reporting, significant progress has been made toward achieving its goals and conserving water resources.

Cascade is a non-profit corporation, comprised of the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah, Tukwila, Covington Water District and the Sammamish Plateau and Skyway Water and Sewer to provide safe, clean and reliable water to its 370,000 residents and 22,000 businesses. In compliance with state requirements, Cascade adopted its first Six-Year Conservation Savings Goal in 2008.

The first annual progress reports that Cascade achieved a savings of over 426,000 gallons of water per day, representing 42 percent of the 2008 – 2013 savings goal. All Cascade members are on track to meet their respective water conservation goals.

Conservation gains in the past year came from a variety of programs offered by Cascade. These include rebates for high efficiency toilets and clothes washers, faucet aerator and showerhead installations, irrigation system audits and upgrades and more. Cascade partners with many other water and energy providers to educate consumers and offer tools for wise use of water. For details on this and other conservation programs Cascade offers visit <http://www.cascadewater.org/conservation.php>