



## News Release

### Sunshine Coast Regional District Launches Educational Water Video

Sechelt, BC – June 12, 2017—The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has launched a video about regional water infrastructure and conservation. The “From Source to Tap” video helps to explain where our regional water comes from and where it is delivered.

15% of Sunshine Coast residents get their water from groundwater or the lakes in the Egmont and Pender Harbour areas. The other 85% get water from the Chapman Watershed, which includes Chapman Lake and Edwards Lake.

The SCRD supplied a total of 5.6 billion litres of water to its customers in 2016, equivalent to 495 litres per person per day

The video describes that ‘we spend water like our account is always full’. “We water our lawns, gardens, parks and wash vehicles which increases water demand from all sources when it is least plentiful,” says Shane Walkey, SCRD Manager of Utility Services. “I can’t stress enough how important it is to always follow our outdoor water use restrictions. We invite residents to look around and see what they can do to reduce their water use where they can.”

Outdoor water use restrictions are part of the region’s water conservation goal to reduce water consumption by 33% by 2020 from 2010 levels. Restrictions help ensure that demand does not exceed the capacity of the SCRD’s water supply and distribution system and also ensures that there is always enough water for fire protection on the Coast.

The Drought Management Plan outlines various restrictions for outdoor watering at four different stages as well as fines for infractions for each stage. For information on restrictions and fines, visit [www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations](http://www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations).

We never want the community to underestimate the power of their individual efforts. No matter how small an effort to reduce water consumption may seem, every little bit will help this region.

‘From Source To Tap’ can be viewed at [www.scrd.ca/water](http://www.scrd.ca/water).

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