



News Release

Registered Farms Granted Temporary Exemption in Stage 4

Sechelt, BC – August 18, 2021— At a Special Emergency Board Meeting yesterday afternoon, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Board revised a bylaw to grant registered farms an exemption to Stage 4 water conservation regulations. Under this exemption, registered farms can make use of drinking water on their farms for the purpose of outdoor watering until August 31, 2021. The discussion on the bylaw exemption [can here viewed here on YouTube](#).

The exemption applies to all farms that have Farm Class status under the British Columbia Assessment Authority Act. If they have not yet done so, eligible farms must contact the SCRD at 604-885-6800 to confirm that they are eligible for this exemption before they begin outdoor watering.

Water Update

Water use remains high in the Region. The SCRD is asking residents to once again keep conservation top of mind. Tomorrow, the SCRD will be launching a challenge and daily water updates to residents to help limit our water use on the Chapman Water System.

Siphons (pictured below) are now active in Chapman Lake to ensure there is enough flow in Chapman Creek for environmental needs.



“Behind the scenes, there are SCRD teams working long hours to ensure we have water flowing through our plant,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager of Infrastructure Services. “With siphons coming online, our staff will be hiking in to Chapman Lake regularly to ensure siphons are working effectively, I want to express my thanks to staff for their dedication at this time.”

A reminder that Stage 4 Water Conservation Regulations **are still in effect for everyone except registered farms**. This means that residents cannot use drinking water for the purpose of outdoor watering.

Further information on Stage 4 water conservation regulations can be found at www.scrd.ca/sprinkling-regulations

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