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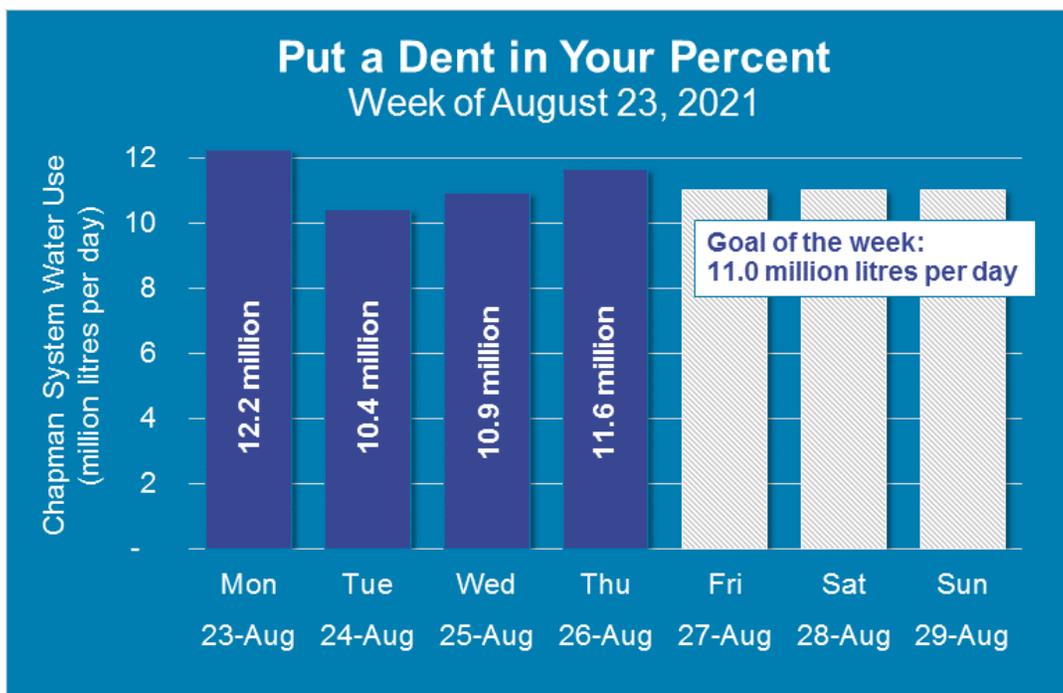
SCRD Emergency Board Meeting Update

Sechelt, BC – August 27, 2021— The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) continues to work on securing water supply through our current drought conditions.

This morning at a Special Emergency SCR D Board Meeting, General Manager of Infrastructure Services Remko Rosenboom provided an update on the current water situation. You can watch this update [here on YouTube](#).

“Recent rain events have made minimal impact on our water supply,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager of Infrastructure Services. “If we can keep our water consumption below 11 million litres per day we are confident that our water supply can be secured into late September.”

This week, water use dropped below 11 million litres per day on two occasions. An updated graph can be seen below. Residents are asked to stay up to date on our use and share conservation tips on the [Put a Dent in Your Percent](#) webpage and the [SCR D Facebook Page](#).



The following actions have been taken by the SCRD's EOC since the last update on Monday.

- Staff are moving forward with plans for a siphon at Edwards Lake which would provide additional water supply. This project would be subject to a number of approvals.
- An agreement is being worked on with the Town of Gibsons to supply water to users on the Chapman Water System. This supply from the Town of Gibsons would result in roughly three extra days water supply per month.
- Passengers travelling to the Sunshine Coast on BC Ferries will hear announcements asking them to conserve water during their time in the Region. This message will also be displayed on digital signage at the Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal.
- Staff are investigating the potential use of desalination systems however early estimates on the small amount of water that this would add to our supply shows this likely will not be an option.

At this morning's meeting, the SCRD Board approved up to an additional \$200,000 to assist in providing more water to the community through Edwards Lake siphons and the Town of Gibsons. SCRD staff will be working with Emergency Management BC on the potential reimbursement of some expenditures related to the SCRD's response to the current drought situation. Further information on this can be found [here](#).

SCRD Directors will also be requesting a meeting with the Office of the Premier for support through the current drought situation.

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