



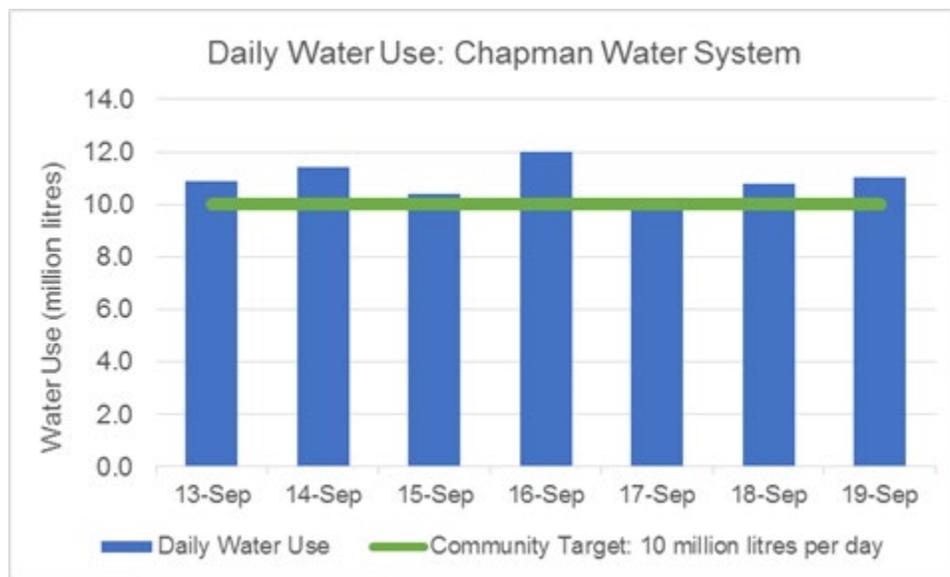
News Release

Severe Water Shortage Continues without Heavy Rain

Sechelt, BC—September 21, 2022— Stage 4 water conservation regulations remain in place on the Chapman Water System as the Region continues to experience persistent dry weather.

In order to deliver water to homes and businesses into October, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has asked for all water users on the Chapman Water System to keep water conservation top of mind and help bring community water use under our targeted amount of 10 million litres per day.

This past week, water use approached the target amount with a noticed reduction in outdoor water use. Thank you to all community members following the ban on outdoor water use and working to conserve. A daily breakdown is in the graph below.



Further updates on current conditions and enforcement are below.

Enforcement

To date the SCRД has issued 53 warnings and 4 fines so far this summer. Enforcement is being stepped up with immediate fines of \$500 fine for anyone found to be in violation of Stage 4 water regulations.

Leaks

The SCRД is receiving updates from many residents who are actively fixing water leaks at home. Thank you for your efforts. Last week, 460 leak notification letters and seven shut off notifications were sent to residences that have been identified as having leaks.

Chapman Lake Levels

Chapman Lake has reached a record low and staff are monitoring the volume of water supply remaining each day while working around the clock to ensure water service is not interrupted. A siphon system is transporting water a distance of 200 metres between the lake and the dam outlet, now dry, to keep water flowing down Chapman Creek and to the water treatment plant.



Figure 1: September 20, 2022. Siphons drawing additional water from Chapman Lake under a short-term water licence.

The SCRD will continue to communicate the community's water use through social media and will provide weekly updates via news release at www.scrd.ca. Any updates to water conservation regulations will be broadly communicated via the website, local media and social media.

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