



## News Release

### Consumption Stays Just Above Targeted Amount

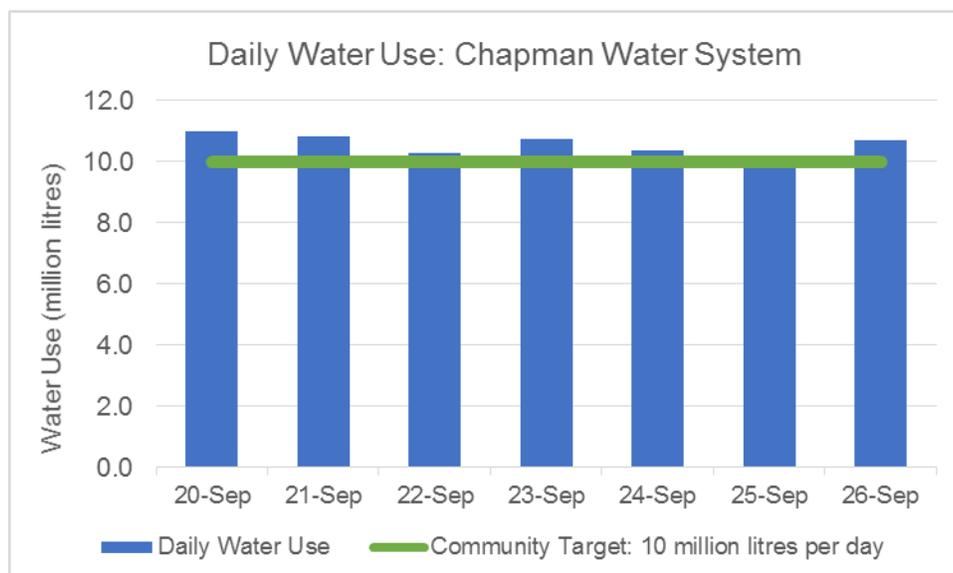
Sechelt, BC—September 29, 2022— Stage 4 water conservation regulations remain in place on the Chapman Water System as the Region continues to experience persistent dry weather. On Tuesday, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) activated an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in response to the current drought conditions. Read more about [that here](#).

Community uptake of water regulations and the current ban on outdoor water use has reduced summer water use on the Chapman water system from a high of 20 million litres per day in July to 10.5 million litres per day this past week. Reducing water use at home and at work can help us reach a community water use target of 10 million litres per day.

What does this mean for each household? Water use at households on the Chapman water system averages 400-500 litres per day in the winter months when community demand is under 10 million litres per day. Fixing leaks, and being mindful of indoor water use will help us reach our target. Curious about water use at your household? Visit [scrd.ca/water-use](http://scrd.ca/water-use) to sign up.

For reference, here is how much water typical activities use in the home. Some of these are ranges based on the age of your appliance or toilet. Newer models use less water.

- 5-minute shower – 50 litres
- Toilets –6 to 26 litres of water per flush
- Dishwasher – 13 to 50 litres of water per load
- Washing machine – 35 to 150 litres of water per load



Further updates on current conditions and enforcement are below.

### **Enforcement**

To date the SCRD has issued 57 warnings and 6 fines. Enforcement is being stepped up with immediate fines of \$500 for anyone found to be in violation of Stage 4 water regulations.

### **Chapman Lake Levels**

The image below was taken of Chapman Lake on Wednesday morning, (September 28). The lake is at a record low with siphons transporting water a distance of 200 metres between the lake and the dam.



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](http://www.scrd.ca). Water Conservation Regulations remain in place, until further notice, for all systems due to current drought conditions.

Any updates to water conservation regulations will be broadly communicated via the website, local media and social media.

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