


2019 REASONABLE WATER USE THRESHOLD

EASTSOUND WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

RATIONAL FOR POLICY

- Our Community's water resources are finite.
 - Eastsound Water membership is not intended to provide access to unlimited water.
 - All Water Users should pay a reasonable share of the water system cost associated providing their service.
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- What's the problem this policy is attempting to solve?

Top 25 Highest Water Users in Residential and Commercial Groups

	Top 25	All Active	COMPARISON
Active Accounts	25	858	3%
Active ERU Holdings	74	1063	7%
Annual Service Fees	\$158,496	\$814,000	19%
Annual Consumption (million gallons)	9.62	43.3	22%

Ideally ERU's would be in alignment with consumption. The highest users are "under ERU'd", meaning they did not fully fund the system capacity they are using.

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- All member will be provided up to 100,000 gal/ERU/yr.
- The average residential use is 33,000 gal/ERU/yr.

ERU = Equivalent Residential Units – it is a unit of measure of a membership anticipated impact on the water system.

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- Under the 2019 Rate Structure, consumption beyond 100,000/ERU/yr. will be subject to capacity expansion surcharge. (\$15-20/1000 gal)
- Surcharge revenue will go to “capital improvements” reserve to increase water system production capacity.

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- To avoid surcharges members with consumption beyond 100,000 gal /ERU/yr. will have the ***OPTION*** to purchase additional ERU's.

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- Current rate for 1.0 ERU (equivalent residential unit) is \$12,700, and has been since 2016
- **On April 1, 2019 rate will be \$14,000/ERU.**

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- Reasonable Use Policy will apply to 2019 water use.
- First surcharge bills will be sent in Jan 2020.
- **EWUA RECOMMENDS - Use EYE ON WATER to track and control your water use, and help avoid surcharges.**
- **Use EYE ON WATER to view your historic water use.**


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- **POLICY GOAL – Encourage High Water Users to upgrade their membership by providing a short-term, one-time incentive. OR insure that highest users are paying their fair share of system costs.**


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- **SECONDARY BENEFIT**– Encourage members with persistent leaks to take action.
- There are 5 services with ongoing leaks that were identified over a year ago.

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- **Board considering 3, 5, and 10 year payment plans to help encourage high users to upgrade their membership.**
 - **Announcement will be published when payment plans are finalized.**
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- Eastsound Water will contact everyone who's recent water use exceeded 100,000 gal/ERU/yr, and will likely be impacted by this updated policy.
 - Policy will impact only the top 2% of water users.
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QUESTIONS?