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PUD Declares Stage 4 Water Alert for Island View Water System

PUD #1 of Clallam County (PUD) is notifying water utility customers in the Island View Water District of mandatory water use restrictions due to the lack of rain and high temperatures since May. This is a Stage 4 Response from the District's Drought Response Plan. Effective immediately customers are to eliminate outdoor water use and minimize indoor water use.

Water for the Island View Water System is supplied from Olsen Creek. Based on streamflow data collected by the USGS, the PUD predicts that Olsen Creek streamflow will continue to drop extremely low even with the brief relief brought from last Saturday's rain. The PUD has begun notifying Island View customers of the need to reduce their indoor water consumption and cease outdoor water use entirely.

The Island View Water System is located in western Clallam County, approximately 10 miles west of Sekiu. There are 33 active water accounts in the Island View Water System, one of nine water systems operated by the PUD.

The objective of the Stage 4 plan is to eliminate outdoor use of water and reduce overall system water consumption by 10 to 20 percent. Some ways water can be conserved by customers include:

- Discontinuing outdoor water use.
- Fix all leaky faucets and toilets.
- Take shorter showers, not baths.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucets.
- Operate automatic dish and clothes washers only when full.
- Reuse clean household water. Collect all water that is wasted while waiting for the hot water to reach your faucet. Use this water for houseplants or outdoor plants.
- Use water efficient appliances.

For a more comprehensive list of actions to save water or to access more information on water conservation go to www.wateruseitwisely.com.

The Status of Other PUD Water Systems: A Stage 2, Water Conservation Alert, has been issued for the **Clallam Bay/Sekiu Water System** as well as the **upper Fairview Water System**. Other PUD water systems, **lower Fairview, Gales Addition, Monroe, Mount Angeles, Carlsborg & Evergreen**, do not have any active water drought response plans in effect.