

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **PUD Declares Stage 2 Water Alert for the Upper Fairview Water System**

PUD #1 of Clallam County (PUD) is requesting that water utility customers in the upper Fairview Water System begin voluntary water conservation measures due to the expanded drought emergency declaration announced by Washington State Governor Jay Inslee. This is a Stage 2 Response from the District's Drought Response Plan.

Water for the upper Fairview View Water System is primarily supplied from Morse Creek. Like most creeks in this area, its streamflow recedes over the summer as snowmelt drains through their watersheds. This spring, snowpack in the North Olympics is low and melting 1 to 2 weeks earlier than normal. Also, the Department of Ecology experts expect warmer, drier weather. This strongly indicates that drought conditions will start earlier than normal this summer. The Office of the Governor expanded its previously issued drought emergency declaration to include the Elwha-Dungeness Watershed on May 20, 2019. According to the District's Drought Response Plan, this declaration meets the criteria for a Stage 2 Response. The District is preparing for operation of the Deer Park Road Pump Stations to pump water from wells in the lower Fairview Area to the upper Fairview area if needed. The PUD has begun asking upper Fairview customers to voluntarily reduce their overall water usage.

The upper Fairview Water System includes all PUD water services south of the Deer Park Reservoir on Deer Park Rd. and south of John Jacobs Rd. off O'Brien Rd.

The objective of the Stage 2 plan is to encourage upper Fairview customers to conserve and prepare customers for a possible increase in drought response later in the season.

- Reduce 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](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com).

**The Status of Other PUD Water Systems:**

A Stage 2, Water Conservation Alert, has also been issued for the **Clallam Bay/Sekiu Water System** and the **Island View 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 at the time of this release.

