

LAKE WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2023-10-12A

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT TO IMPLEMENT A MORATORIUM ON NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Lake Wenatchee Water District has experienced insufficient water resources from the 3 wells during previous summers. The most acute shortage being the current summer of 2023, and

WHEREAS, the rate of water use during the drier summer months has exceeded the capacity of the system to refill the reservoirs without impacting other private wells, and

WHEREAS, RH2 Engineering has adjusted the pumping cycles of water from the existing wells to the reservoir to accommodate high and low periods of use, and

WHEREAS, many new Short Term Rentals (STR's), a lodge, a trailer park and a wedding venue when added to the weekend and vacation homes result in excessive water use demand, and

WHEREAS, LWWD has distributed several district-wide notices requesting water conservation in addition to limiting irrigation and repairing leaks, and

WHEREAS, personal visits and phone calls have been made to high water users requesting water conservation and/or repairs, and

WHEREAS, when high water consumption occurs on weekends and holidays, the water pumped through the reservoir is used at such a fast rate that it does not allow for sufficient contact time with the chlorine, which results in an unpleasant sulfur odor, and

WHEREAS, since the water usage has not been sufficiently reduced to solve the water shortage, the commissioners declared this an emergency affecting the availability of water to all customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAKE WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Effective immediately, the Lake Wenatchee Water District will not approve any new water connections to the system.

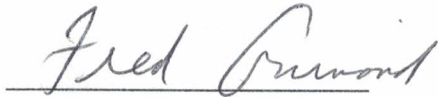
This moratorium will affect non-customers as well as current customers seeking to divide or short-plat their property or to add an ADU (Additional Dwelling Unit).

Those customers who have already been granted a water availability certificate will be grandfathered in and can proceed with their connection.

This moratorium will remain in effect until a new water source can be procured and appropriate infrastructure developed to resolve the above situations.

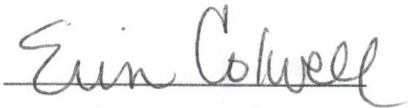
This moratorium can be amended or withdrawn by a vote of the commissioners.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake Wenatchee Water District, Chelan County, Washington at a regular meeting thereof, this 12th day of October, 2023.



Fred Guimond, Commissioner

John Colvard, Commissioner



Erin Colwell, Commissioner