

March 24, 2018

Dear Westside Water Association Members

As we move from winter to spring we can report that we had a normal and fairly uneventful operations season since our last report in late October. One storm that featured a strong northerly wind and cold temperatures caused some extended power outages and one major leak but this situation was handled adeptly and promptly by our operator, Island Water Management.

King County Right-of-Way Fee

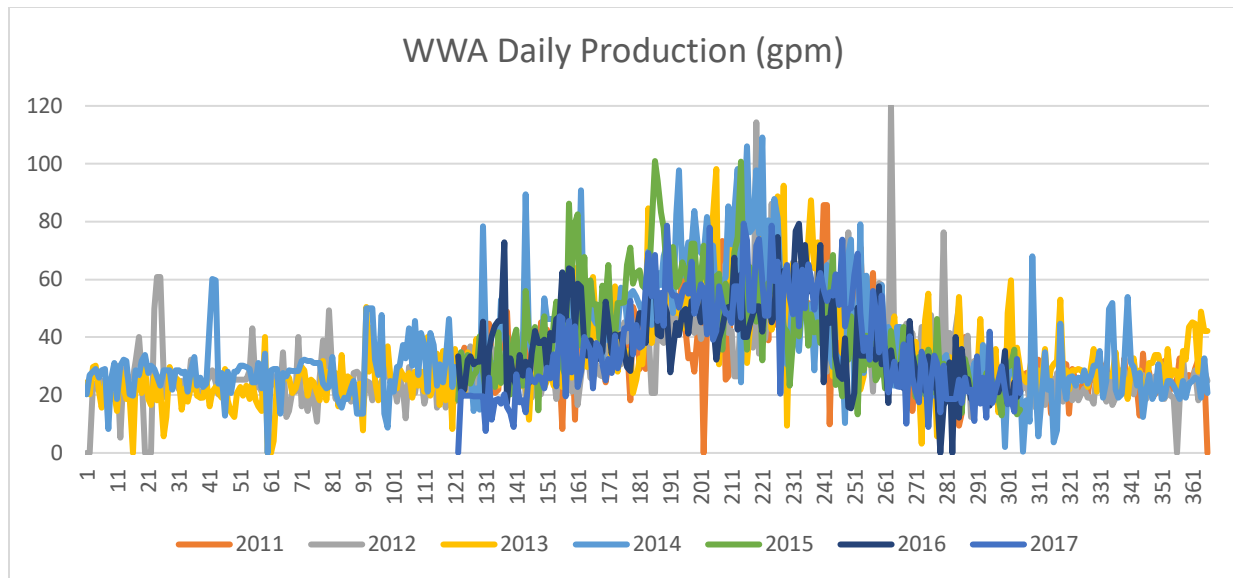
There is one piece of news of a more major variety than normal. Late in 2017 King County passed Ordinance No. 18403 asserting its right to collect a fee from utilities using the rights of way within its boundaries. Our association will be subject to this new rental fee and we will need to pass this fee through to our members. We have not received this bill to this date but felt we should give our members a heads up that this increase in bi-monthly billing should be anticipated. A group of local water and sewer districts has launched a legal response but WWA along with all of the other water districts on Vashon-Maury has declined to participate at this time. We will provide more details as soon as we have them, but King County has issued a guidance that residential customers should expect a fee in the range of \$5/month. Details on this new tax can be found at [read here](#).

New Systems Engineer

WWA has retained the services of Jim Gross of BHC Consultants as our new systems engineer replacing Todd Krause of Northwest Water Systems. We appreciate all of the good work that Todd has done for WWA over the years and wish him well in his new abode in Eastern Washington. Jim is an islander with significant local experience and both his proximity and expertise appear ideal for WWA at this time.

Small System Water Plan

As announced in our October 2017 newsletter WWA is moving ahead with an update to its Small System Water Plan (last updated in 1996). The Board is still eager for members to join this effort and would like to hear from anyone so interested. Our expectations are to complete our work on the document by end of October 2018. We are working closely with our new systems engineer, Jim Gross, in the creation of this plan. The plan includes a model of our daily water usage for the past 7 years, the raw data for high usage months May through October are shown in the graph below.



2018 Annual Meeting

The WWA Board has set the evening of Thursday May 24th as the date for the 2018 Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. You will receive the official announcement with the Agenda closer to the time of the meeting.