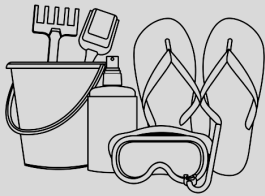




**SUMMER  
2023**

# Camano Cooperative Water & Power Company



## MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS:

July 20, 2023

August 17, 2023

September 21, 2023

## LEAKS REPAIRED AT:

Saratoga Way  
Sands Lane  
Rutland Place

*have great  
summer*



## The Springs Forestry Management Plan

The Cooperative owns forty acres of heavily forested land near the Brennick reservoir. Within those parcels are a group of retired surface wells that we call the “Springs”. Before the Cooperative drilled wells, this was how we sourced our water. A small dam was built to collect water and a pipe was laid to carry water to a reservoir (now abandoned) above the Brennick reservoir.

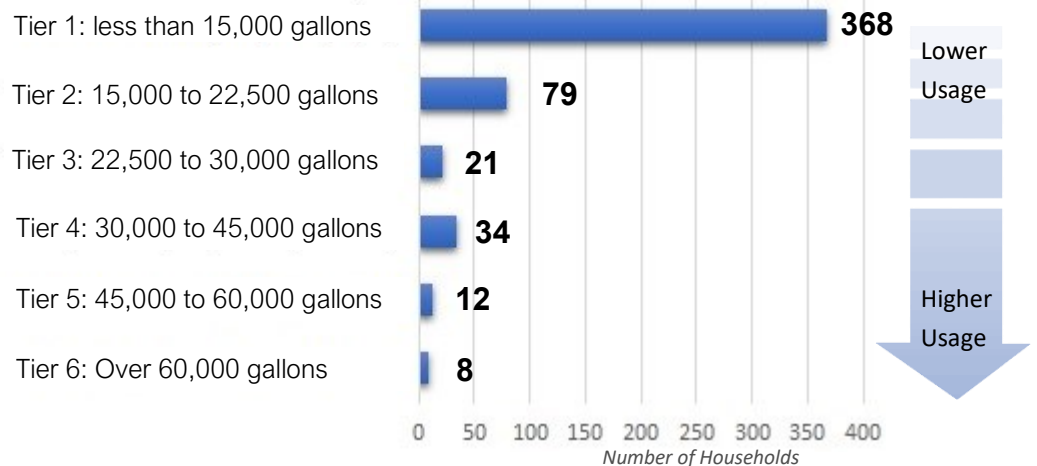
While the Springs are no longer in use, the Cooperative still maintains ownership of the land. We are exempt from paying property tax on this land due to its classification as Forest Land. To retain this status, the Cooperative must maintain a Forest Management Plan with the Island County Assessor. The “Do Nothing” alternative would mean losing our tax-exempt status and incurring a hefty, annual property tax.

On June 8th, the Board approved a new Forest Management Plan developed by Roots Forestry and submitted the plan to Island County. The plan preserves the Chapman Creek streambed, minimizes the number of trees removed, and improves the overall health of the forest for plants and animals. The logging will result in small clearings which will enable access for wildlife and the growth of new, healthier trees.

The Board is now moving forward with hiring a local logging company to implement the provisions of the plan.

While there were costs associated with developing the plan and overseeing harvesting, the Cooperative expects to receive revenue from timber sales and compensation for property which cannot be logged due to environmental regulations protecting the creek. For example, no logging is permitted within 200 feet on either side of the creek. This includes a considerable amount of timber which the Cooperative would have the right to harvest were it not for the requirement to protect the streambed. Further details and updates on this plan will be posted on the website.

## Shareholder Water Usage: April - June 2023

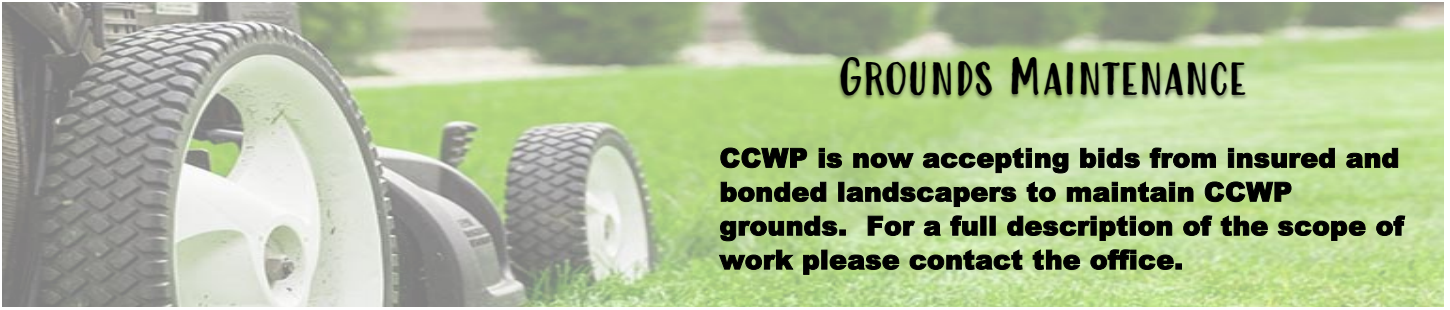


NOTE: Water used within the first tier is the least expensive. If a customer's water use exceeds the limit of the first tier, subsequent water use is charged at a higher, second tier rate. This continues on up to the sixth tier.

# NOW ACCEPTING BIDS FOR:

## GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

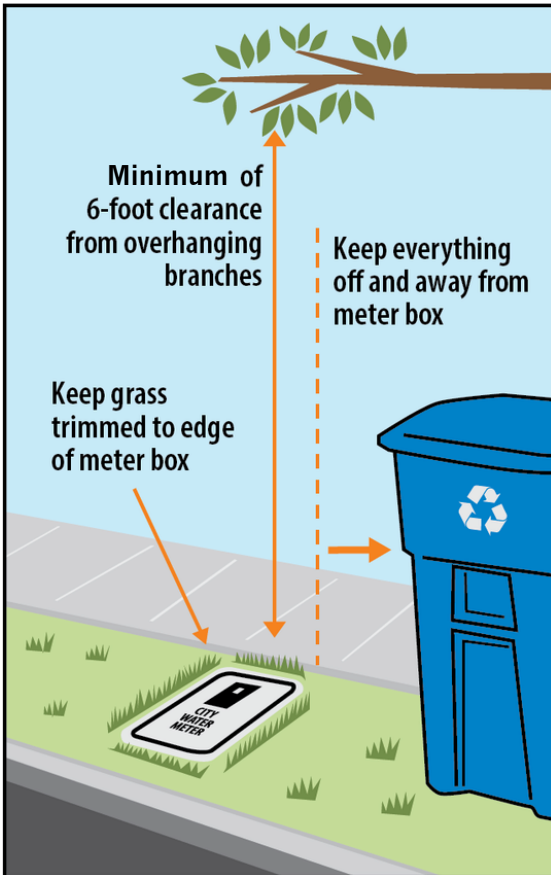
**CCWP is now accepting bids from insured and bonded landscapers to maintain CCWP grounds. For a full description of the scope of work please contact the office.**



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our water meter readers had significant delays this quarter due to inaccessible water meters. Please ensure your water meters are free from bark, shrubbery, roots, trees, and landscaping. Keep grass trimmed and maintain a 6 foot clearance from overhanging branches. Failure to do so can result in an additional fees. Our next meter reading is the first week of October.

Keeping your meter clear will also benefit you in the event of an emergency when you need quick access to your water meter.



### Noticing Green Grass in an Unusual Place?

July 14th marks our 98th year as a Cooperative. As such, we have many older pipes that occasionally begin leaking. If you notice any unusually green or tall grass in a spot that should be more neglected, let us know so we can investigate it as a possible leak.



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Office Closures:  
July 4th—Independence Day  
September 4th—Labor Day