



INFORMATION UPDATE FOR WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS

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**Seattle
Water Supply
Indicators**

Water Storage	
Reservoir Inflows	
Snowpack	
Customer Use	
Overall	
Good Fair Poor	

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samples). Seven of the low chlorine samples were from purveyor areas. The percent of samples that were low for February for purveyors was 1.1 percent (lower than historical average). The average water temperature in the distribution system in February was 8.3 degrees Celsius, with a range of 5.1 to 11.2.

Taste and Odor

The taste and odor panel is meeting bi-weekly. Samples are rated on a scale from 1 to 9, with 1 representing the best and 9 representing the worst. The taste and odor flavor rating assessment (FRA) for the latest Cedar supply (Lake Youngs treated) sample was 1.5 with a slight chlorine taste. The Tolt supply result was 1.3.

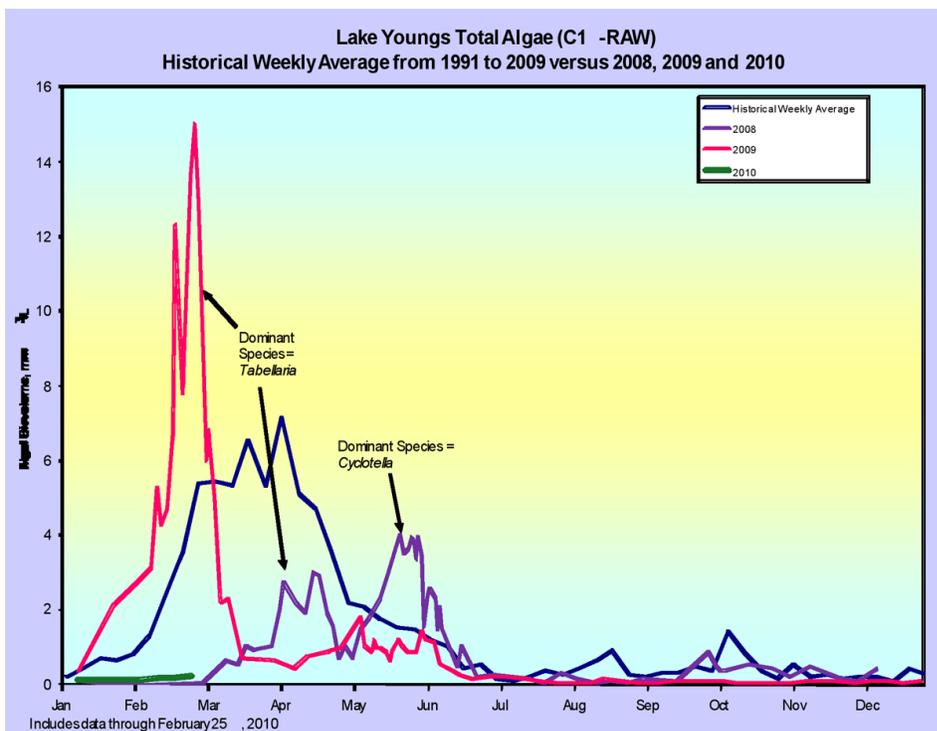
Lake Youngs Status

The total Lake Youngs algal biovolume has remained low during February. The treatment

**Water Quality
Technical Forum
Report**

**Chlorine Residual and
Coliform Data**

There were no positive coliform samples from the purveyor or Seattle service areas during February 2010. All systems remain in compliance. Average chlorine residual concentrations in the purveyor distribution systems ranged from 0.67 to 1.20 mg/L, with an overall average of 0.94 mg/L. The chlorine residual target for the Tolt Treatment Facilities is 1.5 mg/L, while the Cedar Treatment Facilities target was changed to 1.4 mg/L on February 2. The number of samples with chlorine less than 0.2 mg/L was 13 in February (out of 867



plant is not seeing any impacts to their operations from the algae. The total coliform counts are still very low in Lake Youngs. The average Lake Youngs raw water total coliform count for February was 2.8 cfu/100mL, with a range of 0 to 17 cfu/100mL.

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Conservation Technical Forum

On the web at <http://www.savingwater.org>

OVERALL MARKETING

Reminder - New Tabletop Displays Available for Use

New tabletop displays are available to use in educational booths during outreach events or festivals. The displays consist of a three-panel backboard and posters that attach to the backboard with Velcro. Displays have been designed for several audiences, including residential gardeners, irrigation customers and contractors, residential indoor customers, and multifamily and commercial customers. The displays can be reserved by contacting Mialee Jose. Electronic files of the posters can also be provided if you would like to print copies for your own utility. In addition, the design template for the posters can be made available if you would like to customize or develop additional posters for your utility.

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RESIDENTIAL INDOOR Federal Cash for Appliances Program Augments WashWise

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the Department of Energy (DOE) has allocated \$300M to each of the 56 states and territories to develop their own Energy Star Appliance Rebate

Programs. As a result, the highest tier washers currently rebated through WashWise will be eligible for an additional rebate of \$100. At the State level, Washington will kick-off a “soft launch” of the program on March 15, with some public service announcements and retailer trainings. In the SWP area, the WashWise contractor, PECl, will administer the program and is working through the specifics of launching the program locally. The launch date of April 1 has been chosen and PECl will keep WashWise partners abreast of further developments.

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Fix A Leak Week March 15-21, 2010

The SWP will make use of EPA's Fix a Leak Week campaign in three ways:

- ◆ Each SWP member has been sent a package of approximately 100 dye strips (let Arece know if you need more).
- ◆ We encourage members to use the tabletop sign from last year's Fix-A-Leak Week event. If you don't have yours from last year, please contact Arece.
- ◆ New information about Fix A Leak Week is posted on www.savingwater.org.

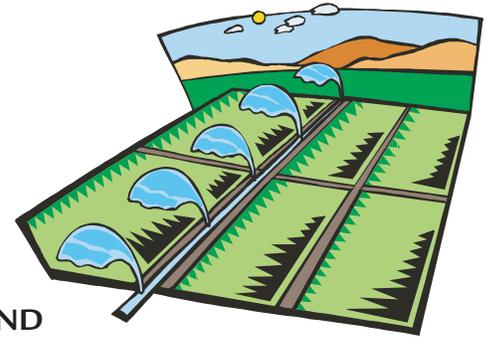
If you have any questions, please contact Arece.

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Penalties Issued to High-Flow Showerhead Manufacturers

The federal Dept. of Energy, has recently issued civil penalties against two showerhead manufacturers: Zoe Industries and Watermark Designs, Ltd.. In December of 2005, and again in October of 2009, SPU formally requested DOE enforce the Energy Policy Act. SPU sent DOE's Office of Legal Council the third party certified lab test results showing that some showerhead models being sold by these companies exceeded federal flow requirements for conservation. This testing was done for the California Energy Commission on behalf of East Bay MUD and Seattle Public Utilities (Saving Water Partnership). The \$1,080,480 and \$876,080 civil penalty assessments for "failure to submit a certification report" should be a wake-up call to other manufacturers selling high flow showerheads. It is expected that the manufacturers will appeal these federal civil penalties, but the ice is broken on enforcing the Energy Policy Act showerhead provisions.

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RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE

Free Irrigation Training for Landscape Professionals March 31 and April 1

On March 31 and April 1, SWP and partner agencies Washington Irrigation Contractors Association and Cascade Water Alliance will co-sponsor a series of free classes for irrigation and landscape professionals. The classes will be held at the University of Washington Botanic Gardens and include:

- ✓ Sprinkler Scheduling Made Easy
- ✓ Going Green with Irrigation System Maintenance
- ✓ Irrigation Best Management Practices
- ✓ Site Water Management Planning (preparation for certification exam).

Classes offered in Spanish will cover system maintenance, repair and scheduling.

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