

# Lake Chelan Reclamation District News

#### 2022 DISTRICT RATES FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS

**Commercial Monthly Meter Charges:** 

1-1/2" \$7.50 per month 2" \$15 per month 3" \$25 per month 4" \$40 per month

6" \$65 per month

**Base Domestic Water Charge:** \$35.50 per month (includes 3/4" and 1" meter)

**Domestic Excess:** \$5.071 per 100 cubic feet

**Base Sewer Charge:** \$59.50 per month **District Sewer Pump:** \$27.50 per month

**Late Fee:** \$20 per month or 1% (Whichever is greater)

**Door Hanger Posting:** \$10 per occurrence **Shut Off/On Fee:** \$30 per occurrence

**After Hours Turn On/Off Fee:** \$90 per occurrence (After Business Hours)

NSF Fee: \$40 per occurrence
Domestic Irrigation Minimum: \$334.26 annual charge
Federal Irrigation Per Acre Fee: \$257.00 annual charge
Federal Irrigation Per Parcel Fee: \$165.92 annual charge

### BEACON AMR DOMESTIC METER PROGRAM

The District just received a matching \$75,000 Water Smart Grant from the Bureau of Reclamation to install 550 new meters with automatic remote reading capabilities. These new meters are equipped with a digital register that has a cell transmitter that sends the information directly to our office. This allows the office and the customer to view their home water use and sign up for leak detection. As we install the AMR's on your meter, you will receive a letter notifying you. We hope to have 100% AMR's installed in the next three years.

## **DISTRICT AWARDED GRANTS**

The Chelan Board of County Commissioners recently awarded nearly \$740,000 in grant funding to local agencies that support economic development in Chelan County.

The District was awarded \$100,000 to use toward planned improvements to its Lift Station No. 2, which provides sewer service to the entire Manson area. The District also plans to add a 3rd pump at the lift station to better service the on going population growth in the Manson area starting this fall.

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## LAKE CHELAN AIS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

Conservation and protection of Lake Chelan is the central focus of the Lake Chelan Watershed Planning Unit (LCWPU), which is a group of local stakeholders who are dedicated to long-term protection of water quality, water supply, and fish and wildlife habitat. Increasing population, tourism growth, changing land use, and aquatic invasive species (AIS) all threaten this entire sensitive aquatic ecosystem.

In 2020, the Chelan County Natural Resource Department (CCNRD) completed a 'Vulnerability and Habitat Suitability Analysis for Aquatic Invasive Species' that yielded a 'high risk' rating for invasion of quagga and zebra mussels (QZ mussels). While watercraft inspection programs are implemented in other regions of Washington, Lake Chelan does not require any level of inspection, which is the leading method for reducing the risk of spreading QZ mussels. To address these concerns, the LCWPU launched the Lake Chelan: Keep It Blue public outreach campaign designed to raise awareness around the risk of AIS transport and began developing an AIS Program for Lake Chelan.

While it's clear that action is needed, there remains gaps in the data needed to inform specific management actions needed to effectively reduce the risk of AIS spread. To address these data gaps, CCNRD developed a *Lake Chelan AIS Survey* to engage surrounding communities of Lake Chelan to gather local input to inform the development of an AIS Program that is tailored to the unique ecological and economic features of Lake Chelan. A successful AIS Program for Lake Chelan would meet the following goals:

- 1. Decrease the risk of aquatic invasive species introduction into Lake Chelan by implementing a boat inspection and decontamination program
- 2. Increase public awareness of AIS through an integrated outreach and education program
- 3. Continue AIS monitoring to help focus prevention efforts
- 4. Increase local and regional collaboration in the prevention of AIS

Please take a moment to complete the survey and help inform AIS management for Lake Chelan. The survey is available in both English and Spanish versions and can be completed digitally or by picking up a paper copy. The Lake Chelan Reclamation District and the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce have paper copies available upon request, or email **Lisa Dowling** at **Lisa.Dowling@co.chelan.wa.us** for more information or to request a digital copy.

When digging at home, in the yard or anywhere, be sure to "Call Before You Dig" at 1-800-424-555 to request a locate. The Utility Notification Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and accepts calls from contractors, homeowners, or anyone planning to dig. Its free and it's the law.

www.CallBeforeYouDig.org





## **DRINKING WATER QUALITY**

LCRD draws all of its domestic (drinking) water from Lake Chelan. Even though our lake is one of the cleanest in the nation, federal law requires that a community of our size must have a water treatment plant when surface water is the source. We have a state of the art treatment facility that treats all of our water. We monitor water quality each and every day to be sure that our drinking water is pleasant and safe. Please visit our website for more information.